

FILE DESCRIPTION

BUREAU FILE

SUBJECT ELIZABETH BENTLEY

FILE NO. 65-57904

SECTION NO. 1

SERIALS X

thru

34

## **NOTICE**

**THE BEST COPIES OBTAINABLE ARE INCLUDED IN THE REPRODUCTION OF THE FILE. PAGES INCLUDED THAT ARE BLURRED, LIGHT OR OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO READ ARE THE RESULT OF THE CONDITION AND OR COLOR OF THE ORIGINALS PROVIDED. THESE ARE THE BEST COPIES AVAILABLE.**

File No: 65-57904 Re: Elizabeth Bentley

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
X	11/24/48	3RD PARTY LETTER TO DIRECTOR	1	1	
X	12/2/48	DIRECTOR LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
1	1/23/49	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
2	2/15/49	HQ LETTER TO SU	1	1	
3	3/4/49	DN TELETYPE TO NY, SU	1	1	
4	3/11/49	SU LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
5	3/25/49	DN REPORT TO HQ/w/ 4 COPIES	3/12	15	12 N.C.
6	5/17/49	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
7	8/23/49	HQ LETTER TO WFO	1	1	
8	10/12/49	WFO LETTER TO HQ/w/ 1 COPY	2/2	4	2 N.C.
8	10/26/49	HQ LETTER TO NY	2	2	
NR	11/7/49	HQ LETTER TO NY	6	0	REFERRED BEST COPY AVAILABLE

File No: 65-57904Re: Elizabeth Bentley

REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/78  
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
9	11/22/49	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
10	12/12/49	NY REPORT TO HQ/W/1 COPY	16/16	0	REFERRED
11	12/15/49	CG REPORT TO HQ/W/4 COPIES	3/12	15	12 N.C.
11	12/29/49	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
12	12/27/49	CG LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	11/7/49	WHITSON MEMO TO FLETCHER	4	4	
NR	11/18/49	BA REPORT TO HQ	2	2	
NR	11/29/49	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
13	3/21/50	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
14	4/24/50	NY REPORT TO HQ/W/1 COPY	11/11	0	REFERRED
15	6/9/50	SF LETTER TO HQ/W/1 COPY	3/3	6	condition - edges ripped, e 3 N.C. - document in very poor
16	6/9/50	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	



File No: 65-57904Re: Elizabeth Bentley

REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/78  
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
17	8/16/50	NH LETTER TO HQ/W/1 COPY	3	0	REFERRED
18	8/29/50	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
19	10/3/50	NY REPORT TO HQ/W/4 COPIES WFO REPORT TO HQ	6	30	24 N.C.
20	11/10/50	W/3 COPIES & 1 ENCLOSURE	4	0	REFERRED
NR	12/12/50	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	12/15/50	HQ LETTER TO NY	5	0	REFERRED
NR	12/19/50	HQ LETTER TO NY	2	2	
21	12/7/50	NY REPORT TO HQ/W/1 COPY	6	12	6 N.C.
21	12/7/50	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
21	12/26/50	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
22	12/21/50	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2/23/51	WFO LETTER TO HQ	8	0	REFERRED

File No:

65-57904

Re:

Elizabeth Bentley

REVIEWED BY

Date:

3/78

(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
23	2/24/51	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
24	3/10/51	NY REPORT TO HQ / w/ 1 COPY	11	0	REFERRED
24	3/31/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
NR	4/24/51	HQ LETTER TO WFO	6	6	
NR	4/26/51	HQ TELETYPE TO NY	1	1	
NR	4/28/51	NY TELETYPE TO HQ & WFO	2	2	
NR	5/4/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	3	3	
25	6/27/51	NY REPORT TO HQ / w/ 4 COPIES	9	0	REFERRED
26	7/5/51	SF LETTER TO HQ	1	1	DOCUMENT IN BAD CONDITION
✓ 27	10/4/51	NY REPORT TO HQ / w/ 4 COPIES	4	20	16 N.C.
28	10/23/51	NY LETTER TO HQ / w/ 1 COPY	2	4	2 N.C.
29	12/20/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

File No: 65-57904Re: Elizabeth BentleyDate: 2/78  
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
NR	11/15/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	3	
30	1/5/52	NY LETTER TO HQ / w/ 4 COPIES	4	16	20 16 N.C.
30	1/29/52	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
31	1/5/52	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
32	1/24/52	BRANIGAN MEMO TO BELMONT	2	2	
33	3/21/52	NY REPORT TO HQ / w/ 4 COPIES	4	16	20 16 N.C.
34	3/21/52	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4/4/52	SEARCH SLIPS (2)	1	1	
34	4/26/52	HQ LETTER TO NY	3	3	Document in poor condition

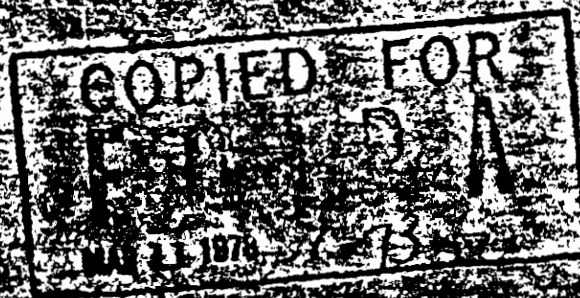
U. S. Department of Health

MATERIAL MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM OR ADDED TO THIS FILE

FEDERAL BUREAU

of

INVESTIGATION



USE CARE IN HANDLING THIS FILE

Transfer-Call 421

65

SECTION  
SERIALS X-134



1592

December 2, 1948

65-57904-X

Mr. Cedric Foster  
The Yankee Network  
21 Brookline Avenue  
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Foster:

I received your letter of November 24, 1948, and want to thank you for sending me the communication which you enclosed as requested by the anonymous correspondent. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

RECORDED - 9  
EX-116

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED 3  
★ DEC 3 1948 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED  
DEC 3 1948

RECEIVED  
DEC 7 7 00 PM '48

RECEIVED  
FBI  
DEC 25 1948



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

January 23, 1948

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "CHARLIE";  
UNSOLVED SITUATIONS  
ESPIONAGE - R

Informant GREGORY who was a Soviet intelligence agent operating in Washington, D.C. and New York in the early 1940's stated that her principal, JACOB GOLOS, obtained another contact to whom he delivered the material collected by GREGORY. GREGORY learned that this individual was known as "CHARLIE" and that he was a dentist.

In one of GREGORY's later meetings with "JACK," an unidentified Soviet espionage agent, the informant learned from "JACK" that JACOB GOLOS' contact "CHARLIE" was described as follows:

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5'5"
Weight	160
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist in NYC

After the informant had been furnished this description by "JACK", informant recalled that she had accidentally seen GOLOS at one time with an individual who answered the description of the person described by "JACK." Subsequently, informant had learned that "CHARLIE" was a permanent resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for many years but informant was unable to learn in what part of New York he resided.

65-4927  
LGZ:dmh  
cc: 65-  
100-17493

cc: (3) Los Angeles  
New York  
Philadelphia  
San Francisco  
Seattle

RECORDED  
&  
INDEXED



59 FEB 24 1948

65-57904-1

SAC, Salt Lake City

February 15, 1949

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

For the information of the Salt Lake City and Denver Offices, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, who has admitted her activities as a Soviet espionage agent in Washington, D. C. and New York City during the period from 1941 to 1945, furnished the following information concerning an individual known to her only as "Charlie".

She stated that in the early 1940's her principal in Soviet espionage, Jacob Golos, had a contact to whom he delivered espionage material which had been collected by Bentley. She stated that she learned that "Charlie" was a dentist by profession with offices in New York City and who she described as follows:

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist in New York City

C.I.R. - 7

She stated that "Charlie" was a prominent resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for many years, but she was unable to learn in what part of New York City he resided.

"Charlie" has not been identified to date.

There is attached hereto for all offices receiving copies of this letter a photostatic copy of anonymous letter and an envelope postmarked Salt Lake City, Utah, October 25, 1943, addressed to Mr. Cedric Foster, c/o Mutual Broadcasting, Boston, Massachusetts, which was referred to the Bureau by Foster. It appears from the enclosed letter that Charles is a dentist and Eva (Bacon) is a song writer. It appears further that Eva is now residing or has resided in Ogden, Utah, or Denver, Colorado.

The New York Office should search its indices for any information concerning Charles and Eva Bacon and should also contact Elizabeth Bentley for any information she may have concerning these individuals.

The Salt Lake City and Denver Offices should likewise search their indices concerning these individuals and should make an appropriate check through credit agencies and the police departments at Ogden, Utah, and Denver, Colorado, for any information concerning Charles or Eva Bacon.

The Washington Field Office is the office of origin in this case.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

SAC, Denver

SAC, New York

SAC, Washington Field Office

Enclosure

FEB 16 1949  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

65-57904-2

70



3/4/49

SACS NEW YORK CITY, SALT LAKE CITY

U R G E N T

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, VA CHARLIE. ESPIONAGE. INVESTIGATION DENVER REFLECTS  
CHARLES L. BACON, A DENTIST, RESIDES DENVER, COLO. WHERE HE HAS BEEN  
PRACTICING DENTISTRY CONTINUOUSLY SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY. BACON DESCRIBED  
AS AGE FIFTY NINE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE POUNDS,  
BORN MAY SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN EIGHTY NINE, DALLAS, TEXAS. HE HAS A WIFE  
NAMED EVA BACON WHO IS SEPARATED. EVA BACON REPORTED TO HAVE  
BEEN A SONG WRITER, TO HAVE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY AND TO HAVE COME TO  
NEW YORK CITY IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. SHE IS PRESENTLY STAYING AT  
TWO ONE FIVE FOUR JEFFERSON AVE, COLEN, UTAH. SOME FRUITLE APARENTLY EXISTS  
BETWEEN CHARLES L. BACON AND EVA BACON AND THEIR DAUGHTER ALMA WHIFFLE, DENVER  
WHO WAS CONTACTED [REDACTED] STATED HER MOTHER DOES NOT WANT CHARLES TO  
KNOW ANYTHING CONCERNING HER WHEREABOUTS. CHARLES L. BACON IN HIS DENTAL  
PRACTICE CATERES TO MEXICANS AND LOW UNION GROUPS, ACTIVE IN OLD AGE PENSION  
MATTERS AND AT ONE TIME WAS FOR MAYOR OF DENVER. REPORT TO BUREAU.

KRM ER

END  
65-662

CC BUREAU  
CC WASHINGTON FIELD

65-57904-3

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah  
March 11, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Rebulet 2/15/49 and teletype from Denver 3/4/49.

Records of the Salt Lake County Clerk's office, Salt Lake City, Utah, reflect that one EVA M. BACON obtained a divorce from CHARLES L. BACON at Salt Lake City on December 2, 1944. H. D. PUGSLEY was listed as the attorney for EVA M. BACON.

These records further revealed that CHARLES L. BACON did not appear in court and apparently was not in Salt Lake City at the time the divorce was granted, inasmuch as he was served a summons in connection with the above-mentioned divorce by Undersheriff THOMAS MAINLAND on October 16, 1944 at Denver, Colorado. BACON'S address was not shown on the return summons. The records contained no description or place of residence for either EVA M. BACON or CHARLES L. BACON, but they did indicate that the BACONS were married June 14, 1917 at Pocatello, Idaho and had two adult children.

H. D. PUGSLEY, Attorney, Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, who was listed as EVA M. BACON'S attorney, advised his records regarding the divorce obtained by EVA M. BACON have been destroyed and he has no information relative to EVA M. or CHARLES L. BACON or the place they resided while in Salt Lake City.

W. M. PETERSON, 2164 Jefferson Street, Ogden, Utah, advised that Mrs. EVA M. BACON has resided at 2154 Jefferson Street, Ogden, Utah, since the fall of 1948. He advised that as far as he knows, she is not employed but lives with her aged mother, Mrs. MARY E. MAW. Mr. PETERSON stated that he has lived next door to the MAW family for approximately forty years and remembers EVA as a neighbor when she was a young girl. He stated that after Mrs. BACON married he did not see her except for occasional visits which she made to her mother. He also advised that it is his understanding that Mrs. BACON is now separated from her husband, who he believes resides in Denver, Colorado and is a dentist by profession.



CEJ:JR  
65-1094

cc: Denver  
New York  
Washington Field

AMSD

RECEIVED  
MAR 14 1949

65-57904-4

MAR 14 1949

SU 65-1094

He advised that from his acquaintance with the BACON family he believes them to be substantial citizens of the community.

The following sources of information were checked without developing any further information relative to CHARLES L. or EVA M. BACON:

Credit Bureaus of Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah  
Police Departments of Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah  
Weber County Sheriff's Office, Ogden, Utah  
Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Indices of the Salt Lake City office of the FBI.

RUC.

Very truly yours,

  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD

FILE NO. 65-662

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/25/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-24, 25; 3-1, 2-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. EDWARD SMART</b> <span style="float: right;">em</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias <u>Charlie</u></b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Denver, Colorado reflects CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist, resides Denver where he has been practicing dentistry continuously since 1930. BACON born Dallas, Texas 5/17/39. He is separated from his wife, EVA BACON. EVA BACON reportedly resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City, dated 2/15/49;  
Teletype from Denver to New York and Salt Lake City,  
dated 3/4/49

G. I. R. 7

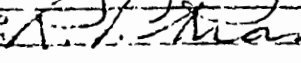
**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO:**

The current Denver City Directory reflects that CHARLES L. BACON is a dentist with offices at 1450 Lawrence Street, Denver.

It is noted that the Denver City Directories issued in 1942, and prior thereto, listed BACON's wife as EVA BACON and their residence in 1942, and prior thereto, as 3774 Paleigh Street, Denver.

Observations made by SA LOUIS D. NEILAN and the writer at 1450 Lawrence Street reflect that BACON caters to

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT - Bureau - Washington Field - New York (info) - Denver		65-57904-5 SEARCHED SERIALIZED INDEXED FILED
		RECORDED - 58 INDEXED - 58 EX-100

Mexicans and very low income groups in his dental practice.

Miss GERTRUDE OGLE, secretary for the Colorado State Dental Board, Metropolitan Building, Denver, advised the records of the Colorado State Dental Board reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was born May 17, 1889 at Dallas, Texas. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Colorado in 1924 and has been practicing dentistry continuously in Denver, Colorado since 1930. He has made annual payments for his license since 1930. The Dental Board has no record of his education.

The records of the Morgue Section of the Denver Post, as furnished by ROBERT COURT, reflect that an article appeared in the Denver Post on May 22, 1945, reflecting that CHARLES L. BACON was a candidate for mayor, City of Denver, in that year and in the election he placed sixth in a field of eleven.

Mrs. ALMA WHIPPLE, 3226 South Corona Street, Englewood, Colorado, the daughter of CHARLES L. BACON, advised that her mother and father have been separated for a number of years. She stated her mother presently resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah. She further stated that her parents have had some misunderstanding down through the years, as a result of which Mrs. BACON desires that her former husband, CHARLES L. BACON, not be advised as to her whereabouts. She stated that her mother, EVA BACON, at one time wrote songs and has traveled extensively. She said her mother had been in New York City at one time, in about 1945. She stated that her father for a number of years, while in Denver, had been active in old-age pension matters. She stated that to her knowledge her father has never been in New York City.

It will be noted that Mrs. WHIPPLE was interviewed by SA LOUIS D. NELAN and the writer [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

The records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 3774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result

DN 65-662

of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	59
Birthdate	May 17, 1889
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	230

*Improbable  
that Chas. L. Bacon  
is "Charlie" in view  
of continued residence  
in Denver, Colo. since 1930.  
J.H.J.*

- RUC -

*also  
his sign*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD

FILE NO. 65-662

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/25/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-24, 25, 3-1, 2-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. EDWARD SMART</b>
---------------------------------	----------------------------------	---	--

TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Charlie</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>
---	---

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Denver, Colorado reflects CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist, resides Denver where he has been practicing dentistry continuously since 1930. BACON born Dallas, Texas 8/17/39. He is separated from his wife, EVA BACON. EVA BACON reportedly resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City, dated 2/13/49; Teletype from Denver to New York and Salt Lake City, dated 3/4/49

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO:**

The current Denver City Directory reflects that CHARLES L. BACON is a dentist with offices at 1450 Lawrence Street, Denver.

It is noted that the Denver City Directories issued in 1942, and prior thereto, listed BACON's wife as EVA BACON and their residence in 1942, and prior thereto, as 3774 Raleigh Street, Denver.

Observations made by SA LOUIS B. HRLAN and the writer at 1450 Lawrence Street reflect that BACON enters to

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
		65-57904-5
COPIES OF THIS REPORT <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <b>5 - Bureau</b>  <b>1 - Washington Field</b>  <b>1 - New York (info)</b>  <b>3 - Denver</b> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">FILE COPY</div> </div>		89

DN 65-662

Mexicans and very low income groups in his dental practice.

Miss GERTRUDE OGLE, secretary for the Colorado State Dental Board, Metropolitan Building, Denver, advised the records of the Colorado State Dental Board reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was born May 17, 1889 at Dallas, Texas. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Colorado in 1924 and has been practicing dentistry continuously in Denver, Colorado since 1930. He has made annual payments for his license since 1930. The Dental Board has no record of his education.

The records of the Mergue Section of the Denver Post, as furnished by ROBERT COUR, reflect that an article appeared in the Denver Post on May 22, 1945, reflecting that CHARLES L. BACON was a candidate for mayor, City of Denver, in that year and in the election he placed sixth in a field of eleven.

Mrs. ALMA WHIPPLE, 3226 South Corona Street, Englewood, Colorado, the daughter of CHARLES L. BACON, advised that her mother and father have been separated for a number of years. She stated her mother presently resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah. She further stated that her parents have had some misunderstanding down through the years, as a result of which Mrs. BACON desires that her former husband, CHARLES L. BACON, not be advised as to her whereabouts. She stated that her mother, EVA BACON, at one time wrote songs and has traveled extensively. She said her mother had been in New York City at one time, in about 1945. She stated that her father for a number of years, while in Denver, had been active in old-age pension matters. She stated that to her knowledge her father has never been in New York City.

It will be noted that Mrs. WHIPPLE was interviewed by SA LOUIS D. NELAN and the writer [REDACTED] (b)(7)(F)

The records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 5774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result



DN 65-662

of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	39
Birthdate	May 17, 1929
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	230

- RUC -

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

FILE NO. **65-662**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/25/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-24, 25, 5-1, 2-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. EDWARD SMART</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Charlie</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Denver, Colorado reflects CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist, resides Denver where he has been practicing dentistry continuously since 1930. BACON born Dallas, Texas 8/17/30. He is separated from his wife, EVA BACON. EVA BACON reportedly resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City, dated 2/15/49;  
Teletype from Denver to New York and Salt Lake City, dated 3/4/49

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO:**

The current Denver City Directory reflects that CHARLES L. BACON is a dentist with offices at 1450 Lawrence Street, Denver.

It is noted that the Denver City Directories issued in 1942, and prior thereto, listed BACON's wife as EVA BACON and their residence in 1942, and prior thereto, as 3774 Raleigh Street, Denver.

Observations made by SA LOUIS B. NEILAN and the writer at 1450 Lawrence Street reflect that BACON enters to

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">65-57904-5</div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 1 - Washington Field 1 - New York (info) 1 - Denver	<div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">FILE COPY</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">740</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">89</div>

Mexicans and very low income groups in his dental practice.

Miss GERTRUDE COLE, secretary for the Colorado State Dental Board, Metropolitan Building, Denver, advised the records of the Colorado State Dental Board reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was born May 17, 1889 at Dallas, Texas. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Colorado in 1924 and has been practicing dentistry continuously in Denver, Colorado since 1930. He has made annual payments for his license since 1930. The Dental Board has no record of his education.

The records of the Mergue Section of the Denver Post, as furnished by ROBERT COUR, reflect that an article appeared in the Denver Post on May 22, 1945, reflecting that CHARLES L. BACON was a candidate for mayor, City of Denver, in that year and in the election he placed sixth in a field of eleven.

Mrs. ALMA WHIPPLE, 3228 South Corona Street, Englewood, Colorado, the daughter of CHARLES L. BACON, advised that her mother and father have been separated for a number of years. She stated her mother presently resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah. She further stated that her parents have had some misunderstanding down through the years, as a result of which Mrs. BACON desires that her former husband, CHARLES L. BACON, not be advised as to her whereabouts. She stated that her mother, EVA BACON, at one time wrote songs and has traveled extensively. She said her mother had been in New York City at one time, in about 1945. She stated that her father for a number of years, while in Denver, had been active in old-age pension matters. She stated that to her knowledge her father has never been in New York City.

It will be noted that Mrs. WHIPPLE was interviewed by SA LOUIS D. MELAN and the writer [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

The records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 4774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result

DN 65-662

of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	59
Birthdate	May 17, 1939
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	250

- RUC -



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

FILE NO. **65-662**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DENVER</b></p>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3/25/49</b></p>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2-24, 25, 3-1, 2-49</b></p>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>G. EDWARD SHART</b></p>
<b>TITLE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Charles</b></p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b></p>
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <p>Investigation at Denver, Colorado reflects CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist, resides Denver where he has been practicing dentistry continuously since 1930. BACON born Dallas, Texas 8/17/39. He is separated from his wife, EVA BACON. EVA BACON reportedly resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> <p>Bureau letter to Salt Lake City, dated 2/15/49; Teletype from Denver to New York and Salt Lake City, dated 3/4/49</p>			
<b>DETAILS:</b> <p><u>AT DENVER, COLORADO:</u></p> <p>The current Denver City Directory reflects that CHARLES L. BACON is a dentist with offices at 1450 Lawrence Street, Denver.</p> <p>It is noted that the Denver City Directories issued in 1942, and prior thereto, listed BACON's wife as EVA BACON and their residence in 1942, and prior thereto, as 3774 Raleigh Street, Denver.</p> <p>Observations made by SA LOUIS B. NEILAN and the writer at 1450 Lawrence Street reflect that BACON enters to</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b>  	<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>  	<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">65-57904-5</div>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> <p>① - Bureau          ① - Washington Field          1 - New York (info)          2 - Denver</p>		<div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">FILE COPY</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">T90</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">89</div>	

Mexicans and very low income groups in his dental practice.

Miss GERTRUDE OGLE, secretary for the Colorado State Dental Board, Metropolitan Building, Denver, advised the records of the Colorado State Dental Board reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was born May 17, 1889 at Dallas, Texas. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Colorado in 1924 and has been practicing dentistry continuously in Denver, Colorado since 1930. He has made annual payments for his license since 1930. The Dental Board has no record of his education.

The records of the Kergue Section of the Denver Post, as furnished by ROBERT COUN, reflect that an article appeared in the Denver Post on May 22, 1945, reflecting that CHARLES L. BACON was a candidate for mayor, City of Denver, in that year and in the election he placed sixth in a field of eleven.

Mrs. ALMA WHIPPLE, 3226 South Corona Street, Englewood, Colorado, the daughter of CHARLES L. BACON, advised that her mother and father have been separated for a number of years. She stated her mother presently resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah. She further stated that her parents have had some misunderstanding down through the years, as a result of which Mrs. BACON desires that her former husband, CHARLES L. BACON, not be advised as to her whereabouts. She stated that her mother, EVA BACON, at one time wrote songs and has traveled extensively. She said her mother had been in New York City at one time, in about 1945. She stated that her father for a number of years, while in Denver, had been active in old-age pension matters. She stated that to her knowledge her father has never been in New York City.

It will be noted that Mrs. WHIPPLE was interviewed by SA LOUIS D. NELAN and the writer [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

The records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 8774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result

DN 65-662

of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	39
Birthdate	May 17, 1889
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	230

- RUC -

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

FILE NO. **65-662**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>DENVER</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>8/25/49</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>2-24, 25, 8-1, 2-49</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>G. EDWARD SMART</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Charlie</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Denver, Colorado reflects **CHARLES L. BACON**, a dentist, resides Denver where he has been practicing dentistry continuously since 1930. **BACON** born Dallas, Texas 8/17/39. He is separated from his wife, **EVA BACON**. **EVA BACON** reportedly resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City, dated 2/15/49;  
Teletype from Denver to New York and Salt Lake City, dated 3/4/49

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO:**

The current Denver City Directory reflects that **CHARLES L. BACON** is a dentist with offices at 1450 Lawrence Street, Denver.

It is noted that the Denver City Directories issued in 1942, and prior thereto, listed **BACON**'s wife as **EVA BACON** and their residence in 1942, and prior thereto, as 3774 Raleigh Street, Denver.

Observations made by SA **LOUIS B. NELAN** and the writer at 1450 Lawrence Street reflect that **BACON** enters to

<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b>  	<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>  	<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">65-57904-5</div>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 3 - Bureau 1 - Washington Field 1 - New York (Info) 1 - Denver		<div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">FILE COPY</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">790</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: right;">89</div>	



Mexicans and very low income groups in his dental practice.

Miss GERTRUDE OGLE, secretary for the Colorado State Dental Board, Metropolitan Building, Denver, advised the records of the Colorado State Dental Board reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was born May 17, 1889 at Dallas, Texas. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Colorado in 1924 and has been practicing dentistry continuously in Denver, Colorado since 1930. He has made annual payments for his license since 1930. The Dental Board has no record of his education.

The records of the Morgue Section of the Denver Post, as furnished by ROBERT COUR, reflect that an article appeared in the Denver Post on May 22, 1945, reflecting that CHARLES L. BACON was a candidate for mayor, City of Denver, in that year and in the election he placed sixth in a field of eleven.

Mrs. ALMA WHIPPLE, 3226 South Corona Street, Englewood, Colorado, the daughter of CHARLES L. BACON, advised that her mother and father have been separated for a number of years. She stated her mother presently resides at 2154 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah. She further stated that her parents have had some misunderstanding down through the years, as a result of which Mrs. BACON desires that her former husband, CHARLES L. BACON, not be advised as to her whereabouts. She stated that her mother, EVA BACON, at one time wrote songs and has traveled extensively. She said her mother had been in New York City at one time, in about 1945. She stated that her father for a number of years, while in Denver, had been active in old-age pension matters. She stated that to her knowledge her father has never been in New York City.

It will be noted that Mrs. WHIPPLE was interviewed by SA LOUIS D. NELAN and the writer [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

The records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 5774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result

DN 65-662

of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	39
Birthdate	May 17, 1939
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	230

- RUC -

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, alias CHARLES;  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet to Salt Lake City, February 15, 1949, and report of SA  
G. Edward Smart dated March 25, 1949, at Denver.

The indices of the New York Office reflect no information pertain-  
ing to CHARLES L. BACON or EVA BACON.

The above individuals were also discussed with ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
by Special Agent Joseph W. Kelly on May 16, 1949, at which time BENTLEY advised  
that she had no knowledge of either of them. RUC.

WVG:RAA  
65-14778

cc - Washington Field

G. I. R. - ?

RECORDED - 52

INDEXED - 50

165-57904-6

3 MAY 19 1949

EX-107

*Charlie, Enc*

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

August 23, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,  
CHARLES  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Salt Lake City dated April 15, 1949, concerning the above captioned individual. It will be noted that your office was designated office of origin in this case in the above communication.

A review of the Bureau files reflects that the last communication from your office was a letter dated January 23, 1943. The files further reflect that all outstanding investigation has been conducted by other offices.

It is requested that you advise the Bureau of the present status of this investigation in your office.

RECORDED  
MC 53 2 00 PM '49

ah

RECORDED

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 17
AUG 23 1949 P.M.
67 AUG 26 1949
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

65-57904-7  
FBI  
67 AUG 26 1949

HB Fin  
JSA  
9/2/49 - Letter being prepared by WASH

Tolson  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Egan  
Gurnea  
Harbo  
Mohr  
Pennington  
Quinn Tamm  
Nease  
Gandy

## Office Memorandum : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJH* WY RUTHE, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,  
"CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 12, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 23, 1949.

It is respectfully requested that the office of origin in this case be changed to New York City. As indicated hereafter, the major ~~facts~~ <sup>pieces</sup> available concerning "CHARLIE" reflect that he is a New York resident of many years' duration and has never been known to reside in Washington or to have been in Washington, D. C. There have never been any leads pertaining to Unknown Subject "CHARLIE" in this territory, nor do any such leads suggest themselves at this time.

It is believed that eventual identification of this subject will grow out of the investigation of espionage subjects in New York which is the office best able to correlate the information toward this end and is presently office of origin in the related investigations of unknown subjects JOHN, FRANK and JACK (now identified as JOSEPH KATZ), all subjects in the GREGORY Case.

As an example of the probability that investigation in New York may result in identification of "CHARLIE" is the data contained in Bureau letter of August 15, 1949, in the case entitled, "JOSEPH KATZ, WAS, Espionage - R", Bureau File 65-57913. In this letter the Bureau suggests expediting investigation of one ALBERT S. YOUNMAN, dentist, 119 West 57th Street, whose name was found in the apartment of JANET RANKIN on February 1, 1949, and whose address was identical with the business address of JOSEPH KATZ (Unknown Subject JACK) in 1944 and 1945. R. - 1

To summarize the facts known about Unknown Subject "CHARLIE", it is recalled that Informant GREGORY stated that prior to the existence of the SILVERMASTER group in 1942, JACOB GOLOS disposed of the espionage material collected to a Russian whose name ended in "ian", believed to have been GAIK OVAKIMIAN. Following the arrest of the individual above, GREGORY learned that the material was being handed over to another contact known as CHARLIE and who was described as a dentist who had undergone a gall bladder operation.

MAT:MAH  
65-4969  
CC: New York

RECORDED - 78

INDEXED - 78

65-57904-8

F B I

17

10/12/49

10/12/49

10/12/49

10/12/49

DIRECTOR, FBI

October 12, 1949

In later meetings with Unknown Subject JACK, GREGORY learned from JACK that CHARLIE was described as about 55 years old, (2-4-10/44-5/45) 5' 5" tall, 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair and eyes, swarthy complexion, and Russian-Jewish. From this description, GREGORY then recollected having accidentally seen GOLOS on one occasion with an individual whose description fitted that supplied by Unknown Subject JACK. There appeared to be no certainty that this individual called to memory by JACK's description was actually Unknown Subject CHARLIE nor is it certain that Unknown Subject JACK gave GREGORY a truthful description of CHARLIE.

GREGORY has further advised that about the time the SILVERMASTER group came into existence in 1942, JACOB GOLOS made arrangements for GREGORY to meet Unknown Subject JOHN, a slim young Russian. This meeting occurred in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the 50's in New York City. JOHN had in his possession a copy of the photograph of GREGORY and in effecting a meeting with her was to inform GREGORY that CHARLIE sent him. The use of the name of CHARLIE as a password is suggestive of significance but not necessarily connected with Unknown Subject CHARLIE.

Later in her statement, Informant GREGORY related that in connection with her associations with Unknown Subject MARGARET (OLGA PRAVDINA), she recalled on one or two occasions she had requested MARGARET to inform CHARLIE that he, CHARLIE, should get in touch with JACOB GOLOS. OLGA PRAVDINA was a Russian subject and the wife of VLADIMIR PRAVDIN, a Soviet agent employed by Tass. The fact that MARGARET was designated to inform CHARLIE of GOLOS' desire for a meeting between them may be interpreted to indicate that CHARLIE was a trusted Russian agent and possibly connected with the Russian official family. It would also appear that he was a person of some significance in view of the fact that the material obtained by GOLOS was relayed to him enroute to Soviet headquarters.

From the above summarization, it appears that there is little that can be done in Washington, D. C. to identify CHARLIE at this time. Also at this time the GREGORY Case in which Unknown Subject CHARLIE appeared, along with other unknown subjects, is being dissolved and separate summaries prepared for the various entitled subjects.

MAT:MAH  
65-4969



DIRECTOR, FBI

October 12, 1949

GUY ROTTE, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,

"CHARLIE"

ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 23, 1949.

*Just* It is respectfully requested that the office of origin in this case be changed to New York City. As indicated hereafter, the major sheets available concerning "CHARLIE" reflect that he is a New York resident of many years' duration and has never been known to reside in Washington or to have been in Washington, D. C. There have never been any leads pertaining to Unknown Subject "CHARLIE" in this territory, nor do any such leads suggest themselves at this time.

It is believed that eventual identification of this subject will grow out of the investigation of espionage subjects in New York which is the office best able to correlate the information toward this end and is presently office of origin in the related investigations of unknown subjects JOHN, FRANK and JACK (now identified as JOSEPH KATZ), all subjects in the GREGORY Case.

As an example of the probability that investigation in New York may result in identification of "CHARLIE" is the data contained in Bureau letter of August 15, 1949, in the case entitled, "JOSEPH KATZ, WAS, Espionage - R", Bureau File 65-57913. In this letter the Bureau suggests expediting investigation of one ALBERT S. YOUNG, dentist, 119 West 57th Street, whose name was found in the apartment of JANET RANKIN on February 1, 1949, and whose address was identical with the business address of JOSEPH KATZ (Unknown Subject JACK) in 1944 and 1945.

To summarize the facts known about Unknown Subject "CHARLIE", it is recalled that Informant GREGORY stated that prior to the existence of the SILVERMASTER group in 1942, JACOB GOLOS disposed of the espionage material collected to a Russian whose name ended in "ian", believed to have been GAIK OVAKIMIAN. Following the arrest of the individual above, GREGORY learned that the material was being handed over to another contact known as CHARLIE and who was described as a dentist who had undergone a gall bladder operation.

KAT:MAR

65-4969

CC: New York

DIRECTOR, FBI

October 12, 1949

In later meetings with Unknown Subject JACK, GREGORY learned from JACK that CHARLIE was described as about 55 years old, 5' 5" tall, 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair and eyes, swarthy complexion, and Russian-Jewish. From this description, GREGORY then recollected having accidentally seen COLOS on one occasion with an individual whose description fitted that supplied by Unknown Subject JACK. There appeared to be no certainty that this individual called to memory by JACK's description was actually Unknown Subject CHARLIE nor is it certain that Unknown Subject JACK gave GREGORY a truthful description of CHARLIE.

GREGORY has further advised that about the time the SILVERMASTER group came into existence in 1942, JACOB COLOS made arrangements for GREGORY to meet Unknown Subject JOHN, a slim young Russian. This meeting occurred in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the 50's in New York City. JOHN had in his possession a copy of the photograph of GREGORY and in effecting a meeting with her was to inform GREGORY that CHARLIE sent him. The use of the name of CHARLIE as a password is suggestive of significance but not necessarily connected with Unknown Subject CHARLIE.

Later in her statement, Informant GREGORY related that in connection with her associations with Unknown Subject MARGARET (OLGA PRAVDINA), she recalled on one or two occasions she had requested MARGARET to inform CHARLIE that he, CHARLIE, should get in touch with JACOB COLOS. OLGA PRAVDINA was a Russian subject and the wife of VLADIMIR PRAVDIN, a Soviet agent employed by Tass. The fact that MARGARET was designated to inform CHARLIE of COLOS' desire for a meeting between them may be interpreted to indicate that CHARLIE was a trusted Russian agent and possibly connected with the Russian official family. It would also appear that he was a person of some significance in view of the fact that the material obtained by COLOS was relayed to him enroute to Soviet headquarters.

From the above summarization, it appears that there is little that can be done in Washington, D. C. to identify CHARLIE at this time. Also at this time the GREGORY Case in which Unknown Subject CHARLIE appeared, along with other unknown subjects, is being dissolved and separate summaries prepared for the various entitled subjects.

HAT:MAH

65-4969



SAC, NEW YORK

October 26, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,

"CHARLIE"

ESPIONAGE - R

65-57904-8

RECORDED - 78

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter dated October 12, 1949 concerning the above-captioned subject.

In accordance with the request submitted by the Washington Field Office the New York Office is designated as the office of origin in this case.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent Donald E. Shannon, dated August 11, 1949 at New York entitled "Abraham Benedict Weinstein, Security Matter - C", on page two wherein information is set forth to the effect that an individual known as "Charlie" was a dentist with offices in Midtown, Manhattan, and was one of a group that was engaged in espionage activity. (100-361170-5)

You will recall that considerable investigation has been conducted in connection with the Silvermaster case in an effort to identify Dr. Weinstein as "Charlie" and that, to date, no positive identification of Weinstein has been made, although his background and description has a definite resemblance to that of "Charlie", who was described by Elizabeth Bentley. (65-56402-220-21)

In view of the above fact, the New York Office is requested to review the available information in its files on Unknown Subject, "Charlie" and to report the results of this review in the form of a summary report. This report should set forth any appropriate undeveloped leads which may come to the attention of your office during the course of its preparation and it is suggested that the following facts, in addition to those set forth in referenced letter from the Washington Field Office, be considered in preparing the report:

Elizabeth Bentley stated that on one or two occasions she informed Margaret (who has since been identified as Olga H. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION) that he was to contact Golos. Bentley estimated that the information was given to "Margaret" late in 1941 or in the early part of 1942. (65-56402, summary report dated August 24, 1948)

★ OCT 26 1949  
It will be noted that Olga Pravdina returned to Russia in March, 1946. (65-56402, summary report dated August 24, 1948)

CC - Washington

WAA:JRM

61 NOV 7 1949

HBF JRM AN 9/4/49

In the light of the above information your attention should be directed toward developing any information that will reflect a contact between Olga Pravdina and Dr. Abraham S. Weinstein during the period mentioned by Bentley.

In the event that other logical suspects are developed during the course of your review, and the preparation of the summary report, you should keep in mind that Unknown Subject "Charlie" cannot be identified by Bentley and that it will therefore be necessary to establish the identity of "Charlie" on the basis of detailed facts which have been developed.

This summary should be prepared so that it will reach the Bureau by November 25, 1949.

1000 000

TELETYPE

*W. H. M. [unclear]  
[unclear]*

WASHINGTON 53 FROM NEW YORK

22

7-59 P

DIRECTOR

~~URG~~ ROUTINE

UNSUB., WA., <sup>①</sup>CHARLIE, ECP-R. REDULET OCT. TWENTYSIXTH, LAST. EXTENSIVE  
FILE REVIEW BEING CONDUCTED. RPT IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION, AND WILL  
BE SUBMITTED EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

HOLD

*77 This report  
to [unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]*

RECORDED - 43

65-57904-9

*W. H. M. [unclear]*



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

CGO. FILE NO. **65-3356**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/29/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON PAXMAN</b> <span style="float: right;">WRP:JMS</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Chicago informant advises that JACOB MINDEL may be identical with the subject. Photograph of MINDEL looks like person informant once saw, who may have been "CHARLIE" except that in photograph MINDEL has a mustache.

- R U C -

### REFERENCE:

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

### DETAILS:

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, furnished the following information:

A photograph of JACOB MINDEL taken in 1931 looks like the person once seen by the informant, who may have been "CHARLIE." This person, however, did not have a mustache and MINDEL in the photograph does have a mustache. The name of JACOB MINDEL is not known to the informant.

The informant recalls having at one time heard JACK state that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia. While in Russia, probably in Moscow, this son had an accident which resulted in the amputation of one or both of his legs. The accident is believed to have been with a trolley car in Moscow. It is not known to the informant whether this son is still alive, but there

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">65-57904</div>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">                     5 - Bureau                      1 - New York                      1 - Washington Field (Info)                      1 - Chicago                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         DEC 19 1949                          37                     </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         RECORDED - 31                          INDEXED - 31                     </div>

Chicago File No. 65-3356

is a recollection on the informant's part that he may have died. The informant is not certain in this regard.

The informant recalls specifically that "CHARLIE" was stated by JACOB GOLOS to speak very poor English. In fact, "CHARLIE" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English, according to GOLOS.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Chicago File No. 65-3556

INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, 1533 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. Miss BENTLEY was formerly known as Informant GREGORY, a Confidential National Defense Informant of the New York office. She is carried as a T informant at her own request.

Information copy is furnished to the Washington Field office since it has leads in this case.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

COO. FILE NO. **65-5356**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON FAIRMAN</b> <span style="float: right;">WRP:JMS</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Chicago informant advises that JACOB MENDEL may be identical with the subject. Photograph of MENDEL looks like person informant once saw, who may have been "CHARLIE" except that in photograph MENDEL has a mustache.

- R U C -

### REFERENCE:

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

### DETAILS:

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, furnished the following information:

A photograph of JACOB MENDEL taken in 1931 looks like the person once seen by the informant, who may have been "CHARLIE." This person, however, did not have a mustache and MENDEL in the photograph does have a mustache. The name of JACOB MENDEL is not known to the informant.

The informant recalls having at one time heard "JACK" state that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia. While in Russia, probably in Moscow, this son had an accident which resulted in the amputation of one or both of his legs. The accident is believed to have been with a trolley car in Moscow. It is not known to the informant whether this son is still alive, but there

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <b>5 - Bureau</b>  <b>1 - New York</b>  <b>1 - Washington Field (Info)</b>  <b>1 - Chicago</b> </div>			



Chicago File No. 63-3356

is a recollection on the informant's part that he may have died. The informant is not certain in this regard.

The informant recalls specifically that "CHARLIE" was stated by JACOB GOLOS to speak very poor English. In fact, "CHARLIE" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English, according to GOLOS.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Chicago File No. 65-3356

INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, 1538 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. Miss BENTLEY was formerly known as Informant GREGORY, a Confidential National Defense Informant of the New York office. She is carried as a T informant at her own request.

Information copy is furnished to the Washington Field office since it has leads in this case.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

COO. FILE NO. **65-5556**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON FAHMAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WRP:JMS</b></span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Chicago informant advises that JACOB MINDEL may be identical with the subject. Photograph of MINDEL looks like person informant once saw, who may have been "CHARLIE" except that in photograph MINDEL has a mustache.

- R U C -

**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, furnished the following information:

A photograph of JACOB MINDEL taken in 1931 looks like the person once seen by the informant, who may have been "CHARLIE." This person, however, did not have a mustache and MINDEL in the photograph does have a mustache. The name of JACOB MINDEL is not known to the informant.

The informant recalls having at one time heard "JACK" state that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia. While in Russia, probably in Moscow, this son had an accident which resulted in the amputation of one or both of his legs. The accident is believed to have been with a trolley car in Moscow. It is not known to the informant whether this son is still alive, but there

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	

**COPIES OF THIS REPORT**

- ⑤ - Bureau
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Washington Field (Info)
- 1 - Chicago

Chicago File No. 65-3358

is a recollection on the informant's part that he may have died. The informant is not certain in this regard.

The informant recalls specifically that "CHARLIE" was stated by JACOB GOLOS to speak very poor English. In fact, "CHARLIE" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English, according to GOLOS.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Chicago File No, 65-3856

INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, 1535 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. Miss BENTLEY was formerly known as Informant GREGORY, a Confidential National Defense Informant of the New York office. She is carried as a T informant at her own request.

Information copy is furnished to the Washington Field office since it has leads in this case.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

COO. FILE NO. **65-5556**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON FAXMAN</b> <span style="float: right;">WRF:JMS</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Chicago informant advises that JACOB MINDEL may be identical with the subject. Photograph of MINDEL looks like person informant once saw, who may have been "CHARLIE" except that in photograph MINDEL has a mustache.

- R U C -

**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, furnished the following information:

A photograph of JACOB MINDEL taken in 1951 looks like the person once seen by the informant, who may have been "CHARLIE." This person, however, did not have a mustache and MINDEL in the photograph does have a mustache. The name of JACOB MINDEL is not known to the informant.

The informant recalls having at one time heard "JACK" state that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia. While in Russia, probably in Moscow, this son had an accident which resulted in the amputation of one or both of his legs. The accident is believed to have been with a trolley car in Moscow. It is not known to the informant whether this son is still alive, but there

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT  ① - Bureau 1 - New York 1 - Washington Field (Info) 2 - Chicago			

Chicago File No. 65-3856

is a recollection on the informant's part that he may have died. The informant is not certain in this regard.

The informant recalls specifically that "CHARLIE" was stated by JACOB GOLOS to speak very poor English. In fact, "CHARLIE" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English, according to GOLOS.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



Chicago File No. 65-3356

INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, 1535 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. Miss BENTLEY was formerly known as Informant GREGORY, a Confidential National Defense Informant of the New York office. She is carried as a T informant at her own request.

Information copy is furnished to the Washington Field office since it has leads in this case.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

**COO.** FILE NO. **65-5358**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON PAXMAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WRP:JMS</b></span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Chicago informant advises that JACOB MINDEL may be identical with the subject. Photograph of MINDEL looks like person informant once saw, who may have been "CHARLIE" except that in photograph MINDEL has a mustache.

- R U G -

**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, furnished the following information:

A photograph of JACOB MINDEL taken in 1931 looks like the person once seen by the informant, who may have been "CHARLIE." This person, however, did not have a mustache and MINDEL in the photograph does have a mustache. The name of JACOB MINDEL is not known to the informant.

The informant recalls having at one time heard "JACK" state that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia. While in Russia, probably in Moscow, this son had an accident which resulted in the amputation of one or both of his legs. The accident is believed to have been with a trolley car in Moscow. It is not known to the informant whether this son is still alive, but there

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	

**COPIES OF THIS REPORT**

- ⑤ - Bureau
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Washington Field (Info)
- 1 - Chicago

Chicago File No. 65-3856

is a recollection on the informant's part that he may have died. The informant is not certain in this regard.

The informant recalls specifically that "CHARLIE" was stated by JACOB GOLOS to speak very poor English. In fact, "CHARLIE" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English, according to GOLOS.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Chicago File No. 65-3856

INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, 1535 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. Miss BENTLEY was formerly known as Informant GREGORY, a Confidential National Defense Informant of the New York office. She is carried as a T informant at her own request.

Information copy is furnished to the Washington Field office since it has leads in this case.

540, 541, 542

CONFIDENTIAL 29, 1949

ENCLOSURE, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa."Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Fulton Larran, dated December 15, 1949, at Chicago, concerning the above captioned subject. It is noted that an informant of the Chicago Office has advised that Unknown Subject "Charlie" was reported to have a son who was believed to have been involved in an accident in Moscow.

Referenced report also sets forth the fact that "Charlie" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English.

You are requested to conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain whether or not Jacob Mindel's son was ever involved in an accident in Moscow and whether his son is presently alive. It is believed that this information may be available in the files of your office in view of the extensive investigation already conducted on Jacob Mindel.

It is further requested that you review all available photographs in the files of your office and that any additional photographs of Mindel without a mustache be furnished to the Chicago Office in order that they may be examined by the informant in an effort to definitely identify Jacob Mindel as unknown Subject "Charlie."

65-57904 - 11

EX - 101

WAA:hc

DEC 29 1949  
COMM. FBI

H.F.  
L.W.  
W.H.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 27, 1949

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA WILLIAM V. GRICKIS, New York, December 12, 1949.  
This report sets out a lead for the Chicago Office on page thirteen,  
which lead has been covered by report of SA W. RULON PAXMAN,  
Chicago, Illinois, December 15, 1949.

WRP:lab

65-3356

cc: New York (65-14778)

65-57904-12

RECORDED - 30

101

65-57904-12

WFF  
Q  
G.I.R.



~~SECRET~~

MR. FLETCHER

November 7, 1949

MR. WHITSON

DR. JACOB MINDEL, was: A. Mindel, Dr. Jacob Mindell,  
"Pop" Mindel; INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

PURPOSE

To show the possible identity of Dr. Jacob Mindel, was  
with Unknown Subject, was "Charlie," who, you may recall, was one of the  
unidentified subjects in the Gregory Case.

BACKGROUND OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

Elisabeth Bentley advised that Jacob Golos had told her  
that he had turned over the material which she had obtained from the  
Silvermasters to a Russian contact; that she eventually learned that this  
Russian contact was a person whose last name ended in "ian" (probably  
Gaik Ovakinian). She stated that after the arrest of Ovakinian, Golos  
obtained another contact to whom he delivered his material. Bentley  
said she later learned that this individual was known as "Charlie," that  
he was a dentist, and that he had had a gall bladder operation. She  
said that in one of her later meetings with her contact "Jack," she learned  
from "Jack" a description of "Charlie." (See the descriptions below)

Bentley further advised that after she had been given this description  
by "Jack," she recalled that she accidentally saw Golos at one time with  
an individual who answered the description of the person described to her  
by "Jack." She said she learned from "Jack" that "Charlie" was a permanent  
resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for  
many years. She said she was never able to learn in what part of New York  
City "Charlie" resided. (65-56402-220, pages 20 and 21)

Bentley further stated that some time in 1942 Golos began to give  
her verbal instructions for the guidance of Silvermaster and his group  
relative to the nature of the information desired, and still later,  
probably in the last part of 1942, Golos began to give her typewritten  
instructions in Russian furnished to Golos by "Charlie" to be taken by  
Bentley to Silvermaster. She said her knowledge of Russian was  
insufficient for her to gain an accurate idea of the type of information  
called for in the written instructions. (Ibid, page 23)

Classified by 5814 2/25/78  
Exempt From GDS Category 1  
Date of Declassification - Indefinite

65-57714-  
NOT RECORDED  
79 1-16-50

ORIGINAL FILED IN 65-52434-33X

~~SECRET~~

JAN 18 1950

728

Bentley also advised that in connection with her belief that her material was being turned over to an individual in New York, she recalled that one of the individuals who was a contact of Golos named "Charlie" was a long-time resident and practitioner in Manhattan. (Ibid, page 70)

Bentley advised that she met her Russian contact "Margaret" in the latter part of 1941 or the early part of 1942; that she met her probably five or six times in all, covering a period of approximately four months. She said that on one or two occasions she told "Margaret" that "Margaret" was to inform "Charlie" to get in touch with Golos.

(Ibid, page 73)

POSSIBILITY THAT DR. JACOB MINDEL, was MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

(b)(1)

The informant stated that the illegal activities of the Communist Party during that period were under the jurisdiction of J. Peters, whom he described as the Secretary of the "Illegal Activities" or the underground section of the Communist Party, USA. He said that in connection with the illegal activities of the Party, the "Department of the Cadres" organized all work in connection with the contacts with the Communist International. He said that this department also had in its field the political and other control of the members. This chapter of its activity was carried out by the "National Control Commission," which functioned under a Communist named Charles Dirba. The informant stated that two American Russians were assigned to Dirba for this work. One of them was Mindel, a dentist, with offices on the Union Square, and the other was Alexander Trachtenberg, who officially handled the "International Publishers."

The informant said that Mindel had a son in the USSR who was under the complete control of the Russians who used him as a liaison between the "Department of the Cadres" and the nucleus of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, a branch of which is composed of Russians on active missions in the United States. He advised that Mindel, Trachtenberg and Dirba furnished a considerable amount of information to the Russian

Embassy, mainly of a political character. He said that they were, in addition, the "Supreme Court of the Party." They made decisions regarding expulsions and other disciplinary measures.

As far as illegal travel, passports and visas were concerned, he stated they were technically handled by Jacob Golos, head of World Tourist. (61-6629-26)

The following information appears in the main file on Dr. Jacob Mindel which corresponds with the information furnished by Louis Gibardi and Bentley:

Mindel was born in Russia on September 18, 1881. He arrived in the United States on October 15, 1904 and was naturalized on June 11, 1915. (which confirms the information furnished by Bentley that "Charlie" had been in the U.S. for many years.)

Mindel joined the Communist Party, USA in 1921 and since that time has been an ardent Communist. He was licensed as a practicing dentist in New York City in 1914 but gave up his practice in 1930 in order to devote his full time to the Communist movement. Since the early 1930's he has been teaching at the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City. He is presently a member of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party, USA. At a meeting of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party held at the Hotel Albert, New York City, on November 15, 1945, Jacob Mindel spoke on the "Cadre Policy of the Party." (100-52439)

COMPARATIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF JACOB MINDEL AND  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

Elizabeth Bentley furnished the following description of the Unknown Subject, wa "Charlie":

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist, New York City

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

The following description of Jacob Mindel was contained in the Occupational Questionnaire at Local Board No. 179, Brooklyn, New York, dated August 22, 1942:

Age	61 years
Born	September 18, 1881 at Minsk, Russia
Height	5'6"
Weight	157 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray-black
Complexion	Very dark
Occupation	Dentist; presently teacher, Workers School, New York City
Religion	Jewish
Marital status	Married
Naturalization	June 11, 1915 in New York City
Residence	369 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, NY.
Relatives	Wife - Mrs. Rebecca Mirsky Mindel Daughter - Florence, believed to be in Russia. Daughter and son - names unknown

In this statement it is interesting to note that Mindel stated that he engaged in general dental practice from 1914 to 1932 and that he has been a paid teacher of the Workers School, New York City since 1933.

ACTION

There are approximately 200 references in the Bureau files to J. Mindel, Jacob Mindel and one Mindel.

In view of the possible identity of Mindel with the Unknown Subject, wa "Charlie," it is recommended that the Correlation Unit be instructed to prepare a correlation summary on Jacob Mindel for possible use in connection with this investigation.

It is further recommended that this summary be expedited.

There is attached hereto for your approval a letter to the Field containing leads to further attempt to verify the identity of "Charlie" with Dr. Jacob Mindel.

100-52439  
cc: 65-57904

~~SECRET~~



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-1710

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/18/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/14/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSTONE /abm</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa.; "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS fails to identify photograph of JACOB MINDEL. States he does not know MINDEL; has never known him under that name or the pseudonym "CHARLIE" and knows of no activity by MINDEL in C. P. underground.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Bulet dated 11/7/49.

DETAILS:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

When interviewed at the Baltimore Office, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was shown the photograph of JACOB MINDEL and was furnished all the information regarding MINDEL set out in referenced Bureau letter. CHAMBERS failed to identify the photograph of MINDEL as anyone he has ever known. Although he stated that the name MINDEL seemed somewhat familiar, CHAMBERS advised that he has never known MINDEL personally under that name, the pseudonym "CHARLIE", or any other name, and has never known personally or learned through hearsay of MINDEL being engaged Communist Party underground activities.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - New York 1 - WFO (Info) 1 - Chicago (Info) 2 - Balto.		65-57904- 1-16-50

PROPERTY OF FBI - This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

100-52439-34

LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD AND CHICAGO OFFICES:

Copies of this report are furnished to these offices for information since they also received copies of referenced Bureau letter and have been requested by the Bureau to conduct certain investigation.



TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: November 29, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 7, 1949 to New York with particular reference to JACOB MINDEL.

Check of the indices of the Washington Field Office fails to reflect that JACOB MINDEL has ever been known to contact the Soviet Embassy or any other official Soviet organization.

The files of the Passport Division, State Department, were checked by Special Agent David R. Lawrie and it was ascertained that there is no additional information pertaining to JACOB MINDEL since his file was reviewed by Agent Lawrie in the Fall of 1948, nor did the Passport Division records reveal any additional information concerning DANIEL K. MINDEL son of JACOB MINDEL.

The results of the check of passport files mentioned above is contained in letter from Washington Field to the New York Division under date of November 29, 1948 in the case entitled "Dr. JACOB MINDEL, was: Internal Security - C".

It is suggested that the New York Office incorporate in their next report in this case, the material in this letter deemed pertinent to instant case. RUC.

KAT:ep  
65-4969

cc: New York  
Chicago

65-57904-  
NOT RECORDED

79 1-16-50

ORIGINAL FILED

60 JAN 18 1950

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 56 21 10-41 P

DIRECTOR ROUTINE

UNSUB WA CHARLIES, ESP - R. REPT DELAYED IN INST CASE DUE TO EXTENSIVE  
 FILE REVIEW BEING CONDUCTED BY AGENT HANDLING CASE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP  
 INFO RE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS WHO MAY BE IDENT WITH SUBJECT. FURTHER IN-  
 Terview CONTEMPLATED WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY IN IMMED FUTURE IN EFFORT  
 TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFO RE SUBJ AS WELL AS UNSUBS BILL AND CATHER-  
 INE. UPON COMPLETION OF ABOVE OUTLINE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT WILL BE  
 SUBMITTED.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

RECORDED - 36

INDEXED - 36

65-57904-13

WAA

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, San Francisco  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was "CHARLIE"  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 9, 1950

97374

It is believed that HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON should be considered a logical suspect as being identical with the Unknown Subject CHARLIE mentioned by ELIZABETH BENTLEY for the following reasons:

- 1) BENTLEY stated that in speaking with JOSEPH KATZ about CHARLIE, KATZ said that CHARLIE had been in this country for years and years and was "a real old timer".

WOLFSON came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized in 1917.

- 2) BENTLEY said that CHARLIE was about 55 in 1942.

WOLFSON was born April 25, 1887.

- 3) KATZ told BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not "one of their people". This meant to BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not one of the Russian official family.

WOLFSON is an old time Communist and according to New Haven Office as not been attending regular meetings of the Party or participating actively in Party affairs in recent years. This follows the Soviet pattern that a person engaging in Soviet Espionage activities discontinues party activities.

- 4) JAKOB SOLOS stated that CHARLIE was one of the older people and got on well together.

WOLFSON was the first active member of the Communist Party in New Haven and has been reported as a contact of ALEXANDER TEACHTENBERG dating back to the time that WOLFSON was an associate of EZRA FELDMAN. FELDMAN was reportedly a former Comintern or OGPU agent and was a former partner of WOLFSON in the United Dental Company of New Haven in the nineteen twenties. (Information reported by New Haven, original source of information is not known to this office).

- 5) BENTLEY said that when she first mentioned CHARLIE to KATZ, he stated "Oh, yes, I know that dentist".

New Haven (Air Mail)  
 New York  
 Los Angeles  
 Washington  
 Fields (Air Mail)

RECORDED - 43  
 INDEXED - 43

65-57904-15

JUN 13 1950

34  
 WAA  
 WAA

JUL 10 1950

WOLFSON is a dental mechanic.

- a) BENTLEY stated that KATZ was well acquainted with CHARLIE's true identity.

HARRY WOLFSON is the father of JOSEPH WOLFSON, who was a partner of KATZ in the Meriden Dental Laboratory. 97375

- 7) BENTLEY said that she understood CHARLIE was a Russian Jew.

WOLFSON is a Russian Jew.

For the further information of the New Haven Office, BENTLEY stated that subsequent to the arrest of GAIK VAKIMIAN, JACOB GOLOS began turning the espionage material which he collected over to an individual known to Miss BENTLEY only as "CHARLIE". She places the approximate time of the beginning of this association between GOLOS and "CHARLIE" as July, 1941. It was her belief that GOLOS continued his contact with this individual until approximately eight months before GOLOS' death on Thanksgiving 1943. In other words, Miss BENTLEY believed that this contact terminated approximately April, 1943.

Miss BENTLEY stated that this association was frequently interrupted due to "CHARLIE'S" illness. In connection with this illness, she stated that she learned from GOLOS that "CHARLIE" had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or early 1943. She stated that GOLOS, in telling her of the operation, stated that "CHARLIE" had an appendix operation, and that JOSEPH KATZ, with alias "JACK", told her that he had a gall bladder operation. Miss BENTLEY said that she might be confused in this and that GOLOS may have told her that it was a gall bladder operation and "JACK" that was an appendix operation.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she was present in GOLOS' office on a number of occasions and that she heard GOLOS speaking on the telephone to a person whom she believed was "CHARLIE". She advised that GOLOS told her that "CHARLIE'S" English was not good, and she recalled that on the occasions when GOLOS spoke to "CHARLIE", he used the Russian language. She also advised that GOLOS had told her that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia, and that in her contacts with JOSEPH KATZ (JACK), he remarked that "CHARLIE'S" son had been crippled by having been run over by a street car, and that one or both of his legs were amputated as a result of this accident. Miss BENTLEY was of the opinion that this son had been injured during the time that GOLOS was contacting "CHARLIE", that is, in the period between July, 1941 and early 1943.

97376

Miss BENTLEY recalled that on one occasion she went to Robert's Restaurant, which was located between 26th and 27th Streets on Broadway, New York City, where she intended to have lunch. When she entered the restaurant she noticed that GOLOS was already in the restaurant and was sitting, talking to a man. She said that GOLOS did not introduce her to the man which he ordinarily would have done unless the person was one of his espionage contacts. Miss BENTLEY said that subsequent to this, GOLOS mentioned something about his having seen "CHARLIE", and from this she inferred that the individual she saw with GOLOS was the Unknown Subject, "CHARLIE". She stated that this man was seated at a table when she saw him and, therefore, a description would be rather hard to give. However, it was her impression that he was approximately 5' 5" in height, rather heavy build, dark skin and beard, and dark hair. She stated that she did not recall this individual's hair having been predominately gray. She described this man as having dark eyes.

Miss BENTLEY was questioned further regarding the typewritten instructions which "CHARLIE" gave to GOLOS who, in turn, turned them over to Miss BENTLEY for transmission to SILVERMASTER. She stated it was her belief that these instructions had been prepared by the Russians who, in turn, gave them to "CHARLIE" for further transmission to GOLOS. In other words, it is not her belief that "CHARLIE" himself prepared these instructions. Miss BENTLEY stated GOLOS was rather contemptuous of a number of his newer Russian contacts which he had, but stated that "CHARLIE" was one of the older people and that they got on well together. CN 517

It is requested that the New Haven Office determine whether the characteristics of WOLFSON fit those of CHARLIE and if so that a photograph of him be submitted to the New York Office for display to BENTLEY. Photographs of WOLFSON should be forwarded to Los Angeles for display to SABATINI to determine if he is identical with the Soviet Agent known to SABATINI. Also New York should show WOLFSON's photograph to CODENA to determine if he is identical with the Soviet Agent known to ROBERTS.

*Harry Robinson*

Air Mail  
Director, FBI

June 9, 1950

SAC, San Francisco

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was "CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R

It is believed that HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON should be considered a logical suspect as being identical with the Unknown Subject CHARLIE mentioned by ELIZABETH BENTLEY for the following reasons:

- 1) BENTLEY stated that in speaking with JOSEPH KATZ about CHARLIE, KATZ said that CHARLIE had been in this country for years and years and was "a real old timer".

WOLFSON came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized in 1917.

- 2) BENTLEY said that CHARLIE was about 55 in 1942. (44-45)

WOLFSON was born April 25, 1887.

- 3) KATZ told BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not "one of their people". This meant to BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not one of the Russian official family.

WOLFSON is an old time Communist and according to New Haven Office has been attending regular meetings of the Party or participating actively in Party affairs in recent years. This follows the Soviet pattern that a person engaging in Soviet Espionage activities discontinues party activities.

JACOB GOLOS stated that CHARLIE was one of the older people and got on well together.

WOLFSON was the first active member of the Communist Party in New Haven and has been reported as a contact of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG dating back to the time that WOLFSON was an associate of EZRA FELDMAN. FELDMAN was reportedly a former Comintern or OGPU agent and was a former partner of WOLFSON in the Dental Company of New Haven in the nineteen twenties. (Informant)

New Haven, original source of information is not known.

First mentioned CHARLIE to KATZ, he "artist".

65-57904-15



WOLFSON is a dental mechanic.

- 6) BENTLEY stated that KATZ was well acquainted with CHARLIE's true identity.

HARRY WOLFSON is the father of JOSEPH WOLFSON, who was a partner of KATZ in the Meriden Dental Laboratory.

- 7) BENTLEY said that she understood CHARLIE was a Russian Jew.

WOLFSON is a Russian Jew.

For the further information of the New Haven Office, BENTLEY stated that subsequent to the arrest of GAIK OVAKIMIAN, JACOB GOLOS began turning the espionage material which he collected over to an individual known to Miss BENTLEY only as "CHARLIE". She places the approximate time of the beginning of this association between GOLOS and "CHARLIE" as July, 1941. It was her belief that GOLOS continued his contact with this individual until approximately eight months before GOLOS' death on Thanksgiving Day, 1943. In other words, Miss BENTLEY believed that this contact terminated approximately April, 1943.

Miss BENTLEY stated that this association was frequently interrupted due to "CHARLIE's" illness. In connection with this illness, she stated that she learned from GOLOS that "CHARLIE" had an operation in latter part of 1942 or early 1943. She stated that GOLOS, in telling of the operation, stated that "CHARLIE" had an appendix operation, and JOSEPH KATZ, with alias "JACK", told her that he had a gall bladder operation. Miss BENTLEY said that she might be confused in this and that he may have told her that it was a gall bladder operation and "JACK" that it was an appendix operation.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she was present in GOLOS' office on a number of occasions and that she heard GOLOS speaking on the telephone to a person whom she believed was "CHARLIE". She advised that GOLOS told her "CHARLIE" was not good, and she recalled that on the occasion "CHARLIE" was not good, he used the Russian language. She stated that "CHARLIE" had a son in Russia, and that JOSEPH KATZ (JACK), he remarked that "CHARLIE'S" son was killed over by a street car, and that one of the results of this accident. Miss BENTLEY stated that "CHARLIE" was injured during the time that GOLOS was in contact with him between July, 1941 and early 1943.



70238

Miss BENTLEY recalled that on one occasion she went to Robert's Restaurant, which was located between 26th and 27th Streets on Broadway, New York City, where she intended to have lunch. When she entered the restaurant she noticed that GOLOS was already in the restaurant and was sitting, talking to a man. She said that GOLOS did not introduce her to this man which he ordinarily would have done unless the person was one of his espionage contacts. Miss BENTLEY said that subsequent to this, GOLOS mentioned something about his having seen "CHARLIE", and from this she inferred that the individual she saw with GOLOS was the Unknown Subject, "CHARLIE". She stated that this man was seated at a table when she saw him and, therefore, a description would be rather hard to give. However, it was her impression that he was approximately 5' 5" in height, rather heavy build, dark skin and beard, and dark hair. She stated that she did not recall this individual's hair having been predominately gray. She described this man as having dark eyes.

Miss BENTLEY was questioned further regarding the typewritten instructions which "CHARLIE" gave to GOLOS who, in turn, turned them over to Miss BENTLEY for transmission to SILVERMASTER. She stated it was her belief that these instructions had been prepared by the Russian who, in turn, gave them to "CHARLIE" for further transmission to GOLOS. In other words, it is not her belief that "CHARLIE" himself prepared these instructions. Miss BENTLEY stated GOLOS was rather contemptuous of a number of the newer Russian contacts which he had, but stated that "CHARLIE" was one of the older people and that they got on well together.

It is requested that the New Haven Office determine whether the other characteristics of WOLFSON fit those of "CHARLIE" and if so that a photograph of him be submitted to the New York Office for display to BENTLEY. Also photographs of WOLFSON should be forwarded to Los Angeles for display to AMADEO SABATINI to determine if he is identical with the Soviet Agent "BILL" known to SABATINI. Also New York should show WOLFSON's photograph to LOUIS BUDENZ to determine if he is identical with the Soviet Agent known to BUDENZ as "ROBERTS".

Office Memorandum

m . u

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias, "Ch. Ellis";  
ESPIONAGE - R

Due to the fact that the agent handling the above-captioned case has been assisting in the investigation of the HARRY GOLD case and other cases relating thereto, which have required immediate attention, investigation in instant matter has been delayed. It is contemplated that this investigation will be conducted and a report submitted in the very near future.

RECORDED 7 65-57904-16

EX-30

WAA

*David*

LOG:MFH  
65-14778

65-57904-16

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: August 29, 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuform C-1, 8/25/50.

Agent to whom this case assigned still tied up full time in investigation of JULIUS ROSENBERG case and others involved in his espionage parallel. There is no agent available at this time to whom this case may be reassigned without adversely affecting the work of those agents on matters which are also considered urgent.

In the event it is essential a report be submitted to the Bureau immediately please advise by teletype and other urgent matters will be deferred in order to forward a report to the Bureau.

RRG:IM  
65-14773

52 SEP 16 1950

RECORDED

165-57964-18  
SEP 2 1950

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

65-14778

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/21, 22, 25, 26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER Q. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLESKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

*for 10-11-50  
to advise when report may be  
submitted  
A.C.B.*

*Reply from N.Y.  
11-25-50 - Report and be  
submitted 12-7-50 -  
A.C.B.*

*M*

## DETAILS:

DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M.  
300 West 49th Street, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> <b>COPY IN FILE</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>65-157904-19</b> <b>OCT 5 1950</b> <b>RECORDED - 13</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau (65-14778) 2 Washington Field (65-1469) 1 Los Angeles (info.) 1 San Francisco (info.) (65-3938) 5 New York (1 NY 100-18056)			

PROPERTY OF FBI.—This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

NY 65-14778

Upon interview, Dr. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he had known JACOB MINDEL prior to his arrival in the United States. He confirmed the fact that MINDEL had escaped from the custody of a Czarist prison camp to come to the United States. Dr. POWELL said he received his citizenship in 1914 and that subsequently, when MINDEL applied for citizenship, he, POWELL, was a witness for him.

He further advised that he had been MINDEL'S personal physician for a good number of years but that in the past year or so he, POWELL, has been afflicted with a rather serious cardiac condition and was, therefore, not able to carry on a very active practice and that, therefore, his contact with MINDEL had been almost exclusively by telephone. He advised that at the present time JACOB MINDEL also has a very severe cardiac condition and POWELL is doubtful that MINDEL will live very much longer.

He stated that in 1949, MINDEL had had an operation for a prostate condition, this operation having been performed by Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, a genito-urinary surgeon in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. POWELL also recalled that in the late 1930's, MINDEL had had a rather serious lung condition which had necessitated POWELL to refer him to a specialist in lung diseases. However, he stated that no operation had been performed to correct this ailment.

Dr. POWELL stated that he was fairly well acquainted with all the members of MINDEL'S family. He said that MINDEL had two daughters, FLORENCE and RUTH, and, in addition, had a son, DANIEL, who was born in 1917 and who, because of a birth injury, was afflicted with spastic paralysis, or a similar condition. Due to this condition, he was entirely helpless throughout his lifetime. POWELL said he believed that one of the reasons MINDEL had given up his dental practice was because of the fact that his son was in such a helpless condition and he desired to try and obtain a cure for him. It was POWELL'S belief that this was one of the major reasons for MINDEL'S trip abroad in the early 1930's.

He further advised that DANIEL MINDEL returned to the United States with his father and some time after this he was placed in an institution which Dr. POWELL believed was somewhere in Connecticut. DANIEL MINDEL died at this institution in the late 1930's. In speaking further of DANIEL'S condition, he stated that he was entirely unable to wait upon himself and did not possess normal mentality. Due to this and because he had attained considerable weight, it became necessary for him to be institutionalized.

In view of the fact that ELIZABETH BENTLEY is of the belief that UNKNOWN SUBJECT "CHARLIE" did not have a moustache, Dr. POWELL was questioned as to whether he recalled MINDEL having ever been without a moustache. He stated that as far as he could recall MINDEL had always worn a moustache.

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April, 1949, LEO M. POWELL, born 1883, and ANNETTA POWELL, born 1884, were members of Lodge Istria 4273 in the International Workers Order. This informant further advised that the Lodge regularly held its meetings at the Yugoslav Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The informant also advised that as of February, 1950, POWELL was not listed as a member of the above Lodge. A program for the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration of the IWO, held at Madison Square Garden, on May 23, 1943, carried a card of greetings from Dr. LEO M. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York, New York. This program was also furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, 60 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that JACOB MINDEL had been operated on by him in May, 1949, for a prostate ailment at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. However, Dr. ASCHNER stated he did not have a complete medical history of JACOB MINDEL.

JACOB MINDEL'S hospital record, number 324871, at the Jewish Hospital at Brooklyn, reflects that he was admitted on March 15, 1949, because of an attack of coronary thrombosis. At that time MINDEL was residing at 369 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn. This hospital record reflects MINDEL'S past medical history and that he had "episode of pleurisy" fifteen years prior to his admission to the hospital which had lasted for six months and that he had had no surgical operations nor any injuries of significance. There is a further notation to the effect that since August, 1948, MINDEL had been having urinary trouble which necessitated catharization. MINDEL was released from the hospital following a rather extensive treatment and on May 7, 1949, was again admitted for prostatic hypertrophy.

The hospital record further reflects that he was operated on by Dr. ASCHNER on May 12, 1950. It was noted that at the time of his second admission to the hospital, MINDEL gave his daughter FLORENCE MINDEL, 213 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, as a person who would be responsible for payment of the hospital bill.

In view of the above information concerning JACOB MINDEL, it appears extremely doubtful that he is identical with the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE, inasmuch as the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE was ill and had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or 1943 and in view of the fact that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE'S son was believed to be living and residing in Russia.

NY 65-14778

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

Several spot surveillances have been conducted in an effort to see and possibly obtain a photograph of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, but because of the fact that S. POLSKY resides in the same building in which he has his office, these efforts have been negative to date.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, signed Communist Party Nominating Petitions for PETER CACCHIONE, for New York City Councilman in 1939; for SIMON W. GERSON, for Councilman in 1948, and for PETER CACCHIONE, for Councilman in 1945.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, sets forth, in Appendix 9, that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were among persons listed in a list of doctors, physicians, dentists and attorneys, aiding and abetting the Communist program either willingly or unwillingly.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by SE RALPH MURDY; however, no record of SAPOLSKY could be found in the New York Office of this agency.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review material contained in report of SA LESTER O. GALLHER, dated April 24, 1950, at New York, regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY and check passport records at the State Department in an effort to determine whether or not SAPOLSKY has travelled abroad.

Will check the records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for information regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct further neighborhood investigation and spot surveillances at 3163 Coney Island Avenue in an effort to obtain information concerning Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY and will obtain a photograph of SAPOLSKY for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, New York City, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLMER, dated October 3, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1	ND 425
T-2	Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department.

REFERENCE: Report of SA LESTER O. GALLMER, 4/24/50, New York.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

NY 65-11778

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/21, 22, 25, 26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLESKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

- P -

**DETAILS:**

DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M. 300 West 49th Street, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">65-57904-19</div> <div style="font-size: 4em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">FILE COPY - 1</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">476</div>			

**PROPERTY OF FBI.**—This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

NY 65-14778

Upon interview, Dr. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he had known JACOB MINDEL prior to his arrival in the United States. He confirmed the fact that MINDEL had escaped from the custody of a Czarist prison camp to come to the United States. Dr. POWELL said he received his citizenship in 1911 and that subsequently, when MINDEL applied for citizenship, he, POWELL, was a witness for him.

He further advised that he had been MINDEL'S personal physician for a good number of years but that in the past year or so he, POWELL, has been afflicted with a rather serious cardiac condition and was, therefore, not able to carry on a very active practice and that, therefore, his contact with MINDEL had been almost exclusively by telephone. He advised that at the present time JACOB MINDEL also has a very severe cardiac condition and POWELL is doubtful that MINDEL will live very much longer.

He stated that in 1949, MINDEL had had an operation for a prostate condition, this operation having been performed by Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, a genito-urinary surgeon in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. POWELL also recalled that in the late 1930's, MINDEL had had a rather serious lung condition which had necessitated POWELL to refer him to a specialist in lung diseases. However, he stated that no operation had been performed to correct this ailment.

Dr. POWELL stated that he was fairly well acquainted with all the members of MINDEL'S family. He said that MINDEL had two daughters, FLORENCE and RUTH, and, in addition, had a son, DANIEL, who was born in 1917 and who, because of a birth injury, was afflicted with spastic paralysis, or a similar condition. Due to this condition, he was entirely helpless throughout his lifetime. POWELL said he believed that one of the reasons MINDEL had given up his dental practice was because of the fact that his son was in such a helpless condition and he desired to try and obtain a cure for him. It was POWELL'S belief that this was one of the major reasons for MINDEL'S trip abroad in the early 1930's.

He further advised that DANIEL MINDEL returned to the United States with his father and some time after this he was placed in an institution which Dr. POWELL believed was somewhere in Connecticut. DANIEL MINDEL died at this institution in the late 1930's. In speaking further of DANIEL'S condition, he stated that he was entirely unable to wait upon himself and did not possess normal mentality. Due to this and because he had attained considerable weight, it became necessary for him to be institutionalized.

In view of the fact that ELIZABETH BENTLEY is of the belief that UNKNOWN SUBJECT "CHARLIE" did not have a moustache, Dr. POWELL was questioned as to whether he recalled MINDEL having ever been without a moustache. He stated that as far as he could recall MINDEL had always worn a moustache.

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April, 1949, LEO M. POWELL, born 1883, and ANNETTA POWELL, born 1884, were members of Lodge Istria 4273 in the International Workers Order. This informant further advised that the Lodge regularly held its meetings at the Yugoslav Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The informant also advised that as of February, 1950, POWELL was not listed as a member of the above Lodge. A program for the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration of the IWO, held at Madison Square Garden, on May 23, 1943, carried a card of greetings from Dr. LEO M. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York, New York. This program was also furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, 60 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that JACOB MINDEL had been operated on by him in May, 1949, for a prostate ailment at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. However, Dr. ASCHNER stated he did not have a complete medical history of JACOB MINDEL.

JACOB MINDEL'S hospital record, number 324871, at the Jewish Hospital at Brooklyn, reflects that he was admitted on March 15, 1949, because of an attack of coronary thrombosis. At that time MINDEL was residing at 369 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn. This hospital record reflects MINDEL'S past medical history and that he had "episode of pleurisy" fifteen years prior to his admission to the hospital which had lasted for six months and that he had had no surgical operations nor any injuries of significance. There is a further notation to the effect that since August, 1948, MINDEL had been having urinary trouble which necessitated catharization. MINDEL was released from the hospital following a rather extensive treatment and on May 7, 1949, was again admitted for prostatic hypertrophy.

The hospital record further reflects that he was operated on by Dr. ASCHNER on May 12, 1950. It was noted that at the time of his second admission to the hospital, MINDEL gave his daughter FLORENCE MINDEL, 213 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, as a person who would be responsible for payment of the hospital bill.

In view of the above information concerning JACOB MINDEL, it appears extremely doubtful that he is identical with the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE, inasmuch as the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE was ill and had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or 1943 and in view of the fact that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE'S son was believed to be living and residing in Russia.

NY 65-14778

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

Several spot surveillances have been conducted in an effort to see and possibly obtain a photograph of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, but because of the fact that SAPOLSKY resides in the same building in which he has his office, these efforts have been negative to date.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, signed Communist Party Nominating Petitions for PETER CACCHIONE, for New York City Councilman in 1939; for SIMON W. GERSON, for Councilman in 1948, and for PETER CACCHIONE, for Councilman in 1945.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, sets forth, in Appendix 9, that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were among persons listed in a list of doctors, physicians, dentists and attorneys, aiding and abetting the Communist program either willingly or unwillingly.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by SE RALPH MURDY; however, no record of SAPOLSKY could be found in the New York Office of this agency.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review material contained in report of SA LESTER O. GALLHER, dated April 24, 1950, at New York, regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY and check passport records at the State Department in an effort to determine whether or not SAPOLSKY has travelled abroad.

Will check the records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for information regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct further neighborhood investigation and spot surveillances at 3163 Coney Island Avenue in an effort to obtain information concerning Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY and will obtain a photograph of SAPOLSKY for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, New York City, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated October 3, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1

ND 425

T-2

Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
Department.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 1/24/50, New York.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

NY

65-14778

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/21,22,25,26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

- P -

## DETAILS:

DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M.  
300 West 49th Street, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
5 Bureau (65-57901) 2 Washington Field (65-4969) 1 Los Angeles (info.) 1 San Francisco (info.) (65-3938) 5 New York (1 NY 100-18056)			

NY 65-14778

Upon interview, Dr. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he had known JACOB MINDEL prior to his arrival in the United States. He confirmed the fact that MINDEL had escaped from the custody of a Czarist prison camp to come to the United States. Dr. POWELL said he received his citizenship in 1914 and that subsequently, when MINDEL applied for citizenship, he, POWELL, was a witness for him.

He further advised that he had been MINDEL'S personal physician for a good number of years but that in the past year or so he, POWELL, has been afflicted with a rather serious cardiac condition and was, therefore, not able to carry on a very active practice and that, therefore, his contact with MINDEL had been almost exclusively by telephone. He advised that at the present time JACOB MINDEL also has a very severe cardiac condition and POWELL is doubtful that MINDEL will live very much longer.

He stated that in 1949, MINDEL had had an operation for a prostate condition, this operation having been performed by Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, a genito-urinary surgeon in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. POWELL also recalled that in the late 1930's, MINDEL had had a rather serious lung condition which had necessitated POWELL to refer him to a specialist in lung diseases. However, he stated that no operation had been performed to correct this ailment.

Dr. POWELL stated that he was fairly well acquainted with all the members of MINDEL'S family. He said that MINDEL had two daughters, FLORENCE and RUTH, and, in addition, had a son, DANIEL, who was born in 1917 and who, because of a birth injury, was afflicted with spastic paralysis, or a similar condition. Due to this condition, he was entirely helpless throughout his lifetime. POWELL said he believed that one of the reasons MINDEL had given up his dental practice was because of the fact that his son was in such a helpless condition and he desired to try and obtain a cure for him. It was POWELL'S belief that this was one of the major reasons for MINDEL'S trip abroad in the early 1930's.

He further advised that DANIEL MINDEL returned to the United States with his father and some time after this he was placed in an institution which Dr. POWELL believed was somewhere in Connecticut. DANIEL MINDEL died at this institution in the late 1930's. In speaking further of DANIEL'S condition, he stated that he was entirely unable to wait upon himself and did not possess normal mentality. Due to this and because he had attained considerable weight, it became necessary for him to be institutionalized.

In view of the fact that ELIZABETH BENTLEY is of the belief that UNKNOWN SUBJECT "CHARLIE" did not have a moustache, Dr. POWELL was questioned as to whether he recalled MINDEL having ever been without a moustache. He stated that as far as he could recall MINDEL had always worn a moustache.

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April, 1949, LEO M. POWELL, born 1883, and ANNETTA POWELL, born 1884, were members of Lodge Istria 4273 in the International Workers Order. This informant further advised that the Lodge regularly held its meetings at the Yugoslav Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The informant also advised that as of February, 1950, POWELL was not listed as a member of the above Lodge. A program for the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration of the IWO, held at Madison Square Garden, on May 23, 1943, carried a card of greetings from Dr. LEO M. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York, New York. This program was also furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, 60 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that JACOB MINDEL had been operated on by him in May, 1949, for a prostate ailment at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. However, Dr. ASCHNER stated he did not have a complete medical history of JACOB MINDEL.

JACOB MINDEL'S hospital record, number 324871, at the Jewish Hospital at Brooklyn, reflects that he was admitted on March 15, 1949, because of an attack of coronary thrombosis. At that time MINDEL was residing at 369 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn. This hospital record reflects MINDEL'S past medical history and that he had "episode of pleurisy" fifteen years prior to his admission to the hospital which had lasted for six months and that he had had no surgical operations nor any injuries of significance. There is a further notation to the effect that since August, 1948, MINDEL had been having urinary trouble which necessitated catharization. MINDEL was released from the hospital following a rather extensive treatment and on May 7, 1949, was again admitted for prostatic hypertrophy.

The hospital record further reflects that he was operated on by Dr. ASCHNER on May 12, 1950. It was noted that at the time of his second admission to the hospital, MINDEL gave his daughter FLORENCE MINDEL, 213 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, as a person who would be responsible for payment of the hospital bill.

In view of the above information concerning JACOB MINDEL, it appears extremely doubtful that he is identical with the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE, inasmuch as the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE was ill and had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or 1943 and in view of the fact that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE'S son was believed to be living and residing in Russia.

NY 65-14778

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

Several spot surveillances have been conducted in an effort to see and possibly obtain a photograph of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, but because of the fact that SAPOLSKY resides in the same building in which he has his office, these efforts have been negative to date.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, signed Communist Party Nominating Petitions for PETER CACCHIONE, for New York City Councilman in 1939; for SIMON W. GERSON, for Councilman in 1948, and for PETER CACCHIONE, for Councilman in 1945.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, sets forth, in Appendix 9, that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were among persons listed in a list of doctors, physicians, dentists and attorneys, aiding and abetting the Communist program either willingly or unwillingly.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by SE RALPH MURPHY; however, no record of SAPOLSKY could be found in the New York Office of this agency.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review material contained in report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated April 24, 1950, at New York, regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY and check passport records at the State Department in an effort to determine whether or not SAPOLSKY has travelled abroad.

Will check the records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for information regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct further neighborhood investigation and spot surveillances at 3163 Coney Island Avenue in an effort to obtain information concerning Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY and will obtain a photograph of SAPOLSKY for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, New York City, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated October 3, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1

ND 425

T-2

Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
Department.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 1/24/50, New York.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

65-14778

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/21, 22, 25, 26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

- P -

## DETAILS:

DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STAMLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO N. POWELL, M.  
300 West 49th Street, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
5 Bureau (65-57901) 2 Washington Field (65-4969) 1 Los Angeles (info.) 1 San Francisco (info.) (65-3938) 5 New York (1 NY 100-18056)			

PROPERTY OF FBI—This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

NY 65-14778

Upon interview, Dr. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he had known JACOB MINDEL prior to his arrival in the United States. He confirmed the fact that MINDEL had escaped from the custody of a Czarist prison camp to come to the United States. Dr. POWELL said he received his citizenship in 1914 and that subsequently, when MINDEL applied for citizenship, he, POWELL, was a witness for him.

He further advised that he had been MINDEL'S personal physician for a good number of years but that in the past year or so he, POWELL, has been afflicted with a rather serious cardiac condition and was, therefore, not able to carry on a very active practice and that, therefore, his contact with MINDEL had been almost exclusively by telephone. He advised that at the present time JACOB MINDEL also has a very severe cardiac condition and POWELL is doubtful that MINDEL will live very much longer.

He stated that in 1949, MINDEL had had an operation for a prostate condition, this operation having been performed by Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, a genito-urinary surgeon in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. POWELL also recalled that in the late 1930's, MINDEL had had a rather serious lung condition which had necessitated POWELL to refer him to a specialist in lung diseases. However, he stated that no operation had been performed to correct this ailment.

Dr. POWELL stated that he was fairly well acquainted with all the members of MINDEL'S family. He said that MINDEL had two daughters, FLORENCE and RUTH, and, in addition, had a son, DANIEL, who was born in 1917 and who, because of a birth injury, was afflicted with spastic paralysis, or a similar condition. Due to this condition, he was entirely helpless throughout his lifetime. POWELL said he believed that one of the reasons MINDEL had given up his dental practice was because of the fact that his son was in such a helpless condition and he desired to try and obtain a cure for him. It was POWELL'S belief that this was one of the major reasons for MINDEL'S trip abroad in the early 1930's.

He further advised that DANIEL MINDEL returned to the United States with his father and some time after this he was placed in an institution which Dr. POWELL believed was somewhere in Connecticut. DANIEL MINDEL died at this institution in the late 1930's. In speaking further of DANIEL'S condition, he stated that he was entirely unable to wait upon himself and did not possess normal mentality. Due to this and because he had attained considerable weight, it became necessary for him to be institutionalized.

In view of the fact that ELIZABETH BENTLEY is of the belief that UNKNOWN SUBJECT "CHARLIE" did not have a moustache, Dr. POWELL was questioned as to whether he recalled MINDEL having ever been without a moustache. He stated that as far as he could recall MINDEL had always worn a moustache.



NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April, 1949, LEO M. POWELL, born 1883, and ANNETTA POWELL, born 1884, were members of Lodge Istria 4273 in the International Workers Order. This informant further advised that the Lodge regularly held its meetings at the Yugoslav Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The informant also advised that as of February, 1950, POWELL was not listed as a member of the above Lodge. A program for the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration of the IWO, held at Madison Square Garden, on May 23, 1943, carried a card of greetings from Dr. LEO M. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York, New York. This program was also furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, 60 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that JACOB MINDEL had been operated on by him in May, 1949, for a prostate ailment at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. However, Dr. ASCHNER stated he did not have a complete medical history of JACOB MINDEL.

JACOB MINDEL'S hospital record, number 324871, at the Jewish Hospital at Brooklyn, reflects that he was admitted on March 15, 1949, because of an attack of coronary thrombosis. At that time MINDEL was residing at 369 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn. This hospital record reflects MINDEL'S past medical history and that he had "episode of pleurisy" fifteen years prior to his admission to the hospital which had lasted for six months and that he had had no surgical operations nor any injuries of significance. There is a further notation to the effect that since August, 1948, MINDEL had been having urinary trouble which necessitated catharization. MINDEL was released from the hospital following a rather extensive treatment and on May 7, 1949, was again admitted for prostatic hypertrophy.

The hospital record further reflects that he was operated on by Dr. ASCHNER on May 12, 1950. It was noted that at the time of his second admission to the hospital, MINDEL gave his daughter FLORENCE MINDEL, 213 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, as a person who would be responsible for payment of the hospital bill.

In view of the above information concerning JACOB MINDEL, it appears extremely doubtful that he is identical with the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE, inasmuch as the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE was ill and had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or 1943 and in view of the fact that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE'S son was believed to be living and residing in Russia.

NY 65-14778

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

Several spot surveillances have been conducted in an effort to see and possibly obtain a photograph of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, but because of the fact that SAPOLSKY resides in the same building in which he has his office, these efforts have been negative to date.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, signed Communist Party Nominating Petitions for PETER CACCHIONE, for New York City Councilman in 1939; for SIMON W. GERSON, for Councilman in 1948, and for PETER CACCHIONE, for Councilman in 1945.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, sets forth, in Appendix 9, that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were among persons listed in a list of doctors, physicians, dentists and attorneys, aiding and abetting the Communist program either willingly or unwillingly.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by SE RALPH MURPHY; however, no record of SAPOLSKY could be found in the New York Office of this agency.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review material contained in report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated April 24, 1950, at New York, regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY and check passport records at the State Department in an effort to determine whether or not SAPOLSKY has travelled abroad.

Will check the records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for information regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct further neighborhood investigation and spot surveillances at 3163 Coney Island Avenue in an effort to obtain information concerning Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY and will obtain a photograph of SAPOLSKY for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, New York City, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated October 3, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1

ND 425

T-2

Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
Department.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 1/21/50, New York.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **NY 65-14778**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/3/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/21,22,25,26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

- P -

**DETAILS:**

**DR. JACOB MINDEL**

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M.D. 300 West 49th Street, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
<p>⑤ Bureau (65-57901)</p> <p>2 Washington Field (65-4969)</p> <p>1 Los Angeles (info.)</p> <p>1 San Francisco (info.) (65-3938)</p> <p>5 New York (1 NY 100-18056)</p>			

NY 65-14778

Upon interview, Dr. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he had known JACOB MINDEL prior to his arrival in the United States. He confirmed the fact that MINDEL had escaped from the custody of a Czarist prison camp to come to the United States. Dr. POWELL said he received his citizenship in 1911 and that subsequently, when MINDEL applied for citizenship, he, POWELL, was a witness for him.

He further advised that he had been MINDEL'S personal physician for a good number of years but that in the past year or so he, POWELL, has been afflicted with a rather serious cardiac condition and was, therefore, not able to carry on a very active practice and that, therefore, his contact with MINDEL had been almost exclusively by telephone. He advised that at the present time JACOB MINDEL also has a very severe cardiac condition and POWELL is doubtful that MINDEL will live very much longer.

He stated that in 1949, MINDEL had had an operation for a prostate condition, this operation having been performed by Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, a genito-urinary surgeon in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. POWELL also recalled that in the late 1930's, MINDEL had had a rather serious lung condition which had necessitated POWELL to refer him to a specialist in lung diseases. However, he stated that no operation had been performed to correct this ailment.

Dr. POWELL stated that he was fairly well acquainted with all the members of MINDEL'S family. He said that MINDEL had two daughters, FLORENCE and RUTH, and, in addition, had a son, DANIEL, who was born in 1917 and who, because of a birth injury, was afflicted with spastic paralysis, or a similar condition. Due to this condition, he was entirely helpless throughout his lifetime. POWELL said he believed that one of the reasons MINDEL had given up his dental practice was because of the fact that his son was in such a helpless condition and he desired to try and obtain a cure for him. It was POWELL'S belief that this was one of the major reasons for MINDEL'S trip abroad in the early 1930's.

He further advised that DANIEL MINDEL returned to the United States with his father and some time after this he was placed in an institution which Dr. POWELL believed was somewhere in Connecticut. DANIEL MINDEL died at this institution in the late 1930's. In speaking further of DANIEL'S condition, he stated that he was entirely unable to wait upon himself and did not possess normal mentality. Due to this and because he had attained considerable weight, it became necessary for him to be institutionalized.

In view of the fact that ELIZABETH BENTLEY is of the belief that UNKNOWN SUBJECT "CHARLIE" did not have a moustache, Dr. POWELL was questioned as to whether he recalled MINDEL having ever been without a moustache. He stated that as far as he could recall MINDEL had always worn a moustache.



NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April, 1949, LEO M. POWELL, born 1883, and ANNETTA POWELL, born 1884, were members of Lodge Istria 4273 in the International Workers Order. This informant further advised that the Lodge regularly held its meetings at the Yugoslav Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The informant also advised that as of February, 1950, POWELL was not listed as a member of the above Lodge. A program for the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration of the IWO, held at Madison Square Garden, on May 23, 1943, carried a card of greetings from Dr. LEO M. POWELL, 300 West 49th Street, New York, New York. This program was also furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

Dr. PAUL ASCHNER, 60 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that JACOB MINDEL had been operated on by him in May, 1949, for a prostate ailment at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. However, Dr. ASCHNER stated he did not have a complete medical history of JACOB MINDEL.

JACOB MINDEL'S hospital record, number 324871, at the Jewish Hospital at Brooklyn, reflects that he was admitted on March 15, 1949, because of an attack of coronary thrombosis. At that time MINDEL was residing at 369 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn. This hospital record reflects MINDEL'S past medical history and that he had "episode of pleurisy" fifteen years prior to his admission to the hospital which had lasted for six months and that he had had no surgical operations nor any injuries of significance. There is a further notation to the effect that since August, 1948, MINDEL had been having urinary trouble which necessitated catharization. MINDEL was released from the hospital following a rather extensive treatment and on May 7, 1949, was again admitted for prostatic hypertrophy.

The hospital record further reflects that he was operated on by Dr. ASCHNER on May 12, 1950. It was noted that at the time of his second admission to the hospital, MINDEL gave his daughter FLORENCE MINDEL, 213 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, as a person who would be responsible for payment of the hospital bill.

In view of the above information concerning JACOB MINDEL, it appears extremely doubtful that he is identical with the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE, inasmuch as the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE was ill and had an operation in the latter part of 1942 or 1943 and in view of the fact that UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE'S son was believed to be living and residing in Russia.

NY 65-14778

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

Several spot surveillances have been conducted in an effort to see and possibly obtain a photograph of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, but because of the fact that SAPOLSKY resides in the same building in which he has his office, these efforts have been negative to date.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, signed Communist Party Nominating Petitions for PETER CACCHIONE, for New York City Councilman in 1939; for SIMON W. GERSON, for Councilman in 1948, and for PETER CACCHIONE, for Councilman in 1945.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, sets forth, in Appendix 9, that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were among persons listed in a list of doctors, physicians, dentists and attorneys, aiding and abetting the Communist program either willingly or unwillingly.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by SE RALPH MURDY; however, no record of SAPOLSKY could be found in the New York Office of this agency.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review material contained in report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, dated April 24, 1950, at New York, regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY and check passport records at the State Department in an effort to determine whether or not SAPOLSKY has travelled abroad.

Will check the records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, for information regarding LOUIS SAPOLSKY.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct further neighborhood investigation and spot surveillances at 3163 Coney Island Avenue in an effort to obtain information concerning Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY and will obtain a photograph of SAPOLSKY for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, New York City, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated October 3, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1

ND 425

T-2

Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
Department.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 1/24/50, New York.

Director, FBI

December 12, 1950

SAC, New York

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Bill;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Catherine  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bufile 65-57905)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Charlie  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bufile 65-57904)

~~TOP~~  
**SECRET**

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Frank  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bufile 65-57915)

Rebulet 12/9/50.

Bureau suggestion that Unknown Subjects, wa Bill, Frank  
may be identical has been noted.

A review of the file on Unknown Subject "Frank" reflects that the only information regarding this individual has been furnished by ALEXANDER KORAL and his wife, HELEN KORAL, both of whom are regarded as unreliable. The information furnished by them is extremely meager in view of the fact that they admitted having been contacted by "Frank" on rather numerous occasions. It is also noted that there is considerable variance in the descriptions furnished by HELEN and by ALEXANDER KORAL. In addition, it has been noted that the KORALS have not in the past been particularly cooperative in this matter as is evidenced in part by the meager descriptions furnished by them and by ALEXANDER KORAL'S refusal to furnish any further information when he last appeared at this office on 3/20/50.

(b)(1) [REDACTED] (15)

An interview with Catherine Duffy, former maid at the home of VLADIMIR BRAVDIN and OLGA BRAVDINA is contemplated in the very near future to obtain such knowledge as she may have concerning Unknown Subjects Bill, Catherine, [REDACTED] Charlie.

cc - Washington Field  
- NY 65-14773  
- NY 65-15311  
- NY 65-14751

Classified by 5886 1/24/78

~~TOP~~  
**SECRET**

LOG:IM  
65-14732-1050

1950 DEC 14

SAC, New York

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

December 9, 1950

**TOP SECRET**

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Bill  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Catherine  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bureau File 65-57905)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Charlie  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bureau File 65-57904)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Frank  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bureau File 65-57915)

**[REDACTED]**  
(Bureau File 65-57915)

(b)(1)

The Bureau desires to call to your attention the possibility that Unknown Subject, wa Bill, may be identical with Unknown Subject, wa Frank. It is believed that this possibility exists in view of the following facts:

- (1) The description of Frank as given by Helen and Alexander Koral is very similar to the description of Bill furnished by Elisabeth Kerrill Bentley.
- (2) It appears that Bill was operating the Silvermaster group when Frank sent Koral to contact Silvermaster in Washington, D. C. You will recall that Bentley stated that she met Bill until approximately September, 1944, when he informed her that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington, and also advised her that he would personally take care of the Silvermaster group and that she would have no further connection with them. Bentley also advised that she had not seen Bill since their meeting in September, 1944, and the only further knowledge she had of him came from a chance contact with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in the Pennsylvania Station in New York City in August of 1945, at which time she inquired if he had seen Bill lately. Silvermaster stated that he had not seen Bill for a couple of weeks, but that he was still around.

(65-57905-5)

You will recall that Alexander Koral advised that he contacted Silvermaster twice in Washington, D. C., pursuant to instructions he had received from Frank. One contact, according to Koral, occurred in October, 1945. The second contact, as confirmed by Bureau surveillance of Koral, occurred on

December 1, 1945.

(100-355719-2)

65-57904

Classified by

NOT RECORDED

Exempt from

81 DEC 12 1950

Date of

4/5/88

INITIALS OF ORIGINAL

cc Washington Field

65-57905

65-57904

65-57904

65-57915

JAN 2 1951

DUPLICATE

Category 2

YELLOW

**TOP SECRET**

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 2-23-76/878

ORIGINAL FILED



TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

(3) You will recall that Alexander Koral has advised that Frank told him he was in the woolen business. (ibid.)

Bentley has advised us that Bill was in the garment trade and offered to buy her a fur coat, saying he could get it wholesale. In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that Helen Koral owned a leopard skin coat during which time Alexander Koral has stated he was so financially hard pressed. Although it is remote, the possibility does exist that Helen Koral obtained her fur coat through Frank.

(65-56402-2601)

(4) You will also recall that the Korals stated that Frank may have been from Chicago. In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that Catherine, according to Bentley, made the statement to Bill that he could not go back to Chicago. Bentley advised that she attached considerable significance to this inasmuch as it appeared as though Bill and Catherine were afraid to go to Chicago.

(100-355779; 65-57905-32)

[REDACTED] (b)(1)

The attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to its letter dated November 10, 1950, in the case entitled "Samuel Simon Krafur, was, Security Matter - C." The Washington Field Office should submit in a report form the facts in its letter dealing with Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine. This report, of course, should be submitted in the file.

The New York Office is requested to advise whether it has given any consideration to interviewing Catherine Duffy, the former maid of Olga Pravdin and Vladimir Pravdin, during their residence in New York City, for any knowledge she may have regarding contacts of the Pravdins that might be of possible aid in establishing the identity of Unknown Subjects Bill, Catherine, and Charlie.

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **65-14778** **atv**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>DEC 7 1950</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/28,31;11/30/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "CHARLIE"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Surveillance photos of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY obtained and displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who failed to identify him as the unknown subject, "CHARLIE". Information obtained that one DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 W. 57th Street, NYC, was known to JACOB GOLOS. DR. ISAAC STAMLER also said to be alleged contact of JACOB GOLOS.

- P -

**DETAILS:**

**DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

On October 28, 1950 four surveillance-type photographs of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were obtained by the writer. These photographs were obtained in the vicinity of SAPOLSKY'S residence. The photographs were subsequently displayed to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, however, she failed to identify SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward Schuyler</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT ② - Bureau (65-57904) - Los Angeles (info) - San Francisco (info) (65-3938) - Washington Field (65-4969) - New York	65-57904-21		RECORDED - 96
			INDEXED - 96

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.



NY 65-14728

DR. EDWARD KALLMAN

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, made available copies of numerous documents which, according to the Informant, were the property of JACOB GOLOS, former manager of World Tours Incorporated.

Among these documents was a telephone index belonging to GOLOS. Many of the names listed therein were of well known Communist Party functionaries. Included in the list was that of the following:

DR. KALLMAN,  
130 West 57th Street,  
Apartment 6C  
Phone: CI 7-3022

The current New York Telephone Directory lists EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, telephone CI 7-3021.

On January 15, 1942, DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, Apartment 6C, Telephone No. CI 7-3022, made a complaint concerning suspected Nazi activities at the Hotel Salisbury. KALLMAN was further interviewed regarding this matter by an agent of the New York Office on February 12, 1942. Also interviewed at that time was Miss DORIS GREEN, Dr. KALLMAN'S Secretary.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained at the Jefferson School of Social Science. The Informant advised that certain persons on this list were believed to have made contributions to the school. Among the names so listed was that of DR. ED KALLMAN, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, who made a contribution of an unknown amount in June, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on April 21, 1943 that a DR. KALLMAN, whose address the Informant gave as 105 West 57th Street, was recommended to the Informant as a Party member by one SALLY KAHN. At that time KAHN advised the Informant that KALLMAN'S services were utilized by a great many of the Party members.

NY 65-14728

Comments made by the agent who received this information from the Informant indicated that the DR. KALLMAN referred to was DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, whose correct address was 130 West 57th Street, New York City.

DR. ISAAC STAMLER

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, advised agents of the San Francisco Office in May, 1949, that she had been directed in 1941 to go to the Round the World Trading Corporation and ask for JACOB GOLOS in order that she might obtain a position.

The Informant advised that she had been interviewed by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who had in turn introduced her to JACOB GOLOS. Following this introduction the Informant was given a position. She claimed that she did not like the looks of the concern operated by GOLOS and had not returned to work there.

When the Informant furnished the information regarding this incident she was of the belief that she had been sent to the Round the World Trading Corporation by one Mrs. ANNA KAPLAN whom she had previously known; however, in a subsequent interview on March 24, 1950, the Informant advised that she now recalled she had been directed to GOLOS by a DR. LIPSTEIN, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic located in a co-operative apartment house at 2700 Bronx Park East, New York City. This clinic was operated together with one DR. STAMLER.

The Informant advised that she had first met both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER in about 1930 or 1931 when she, the Informant, was a resident in the vicinity of this dental clinic and had called at the office to obtain routine dental care. She advised that she returned to the clinic on various occasions until approximately 1942.

Through conversation with the aforementioned doctor she realized that both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER were passionately pro-Soviet in their attitude and that both were either Communist Party members or Communist sympathizers.

NY 65-14778

The Informant recalled that on one occasion DR. STAMLER tried to persuade her to join the Communist Party, but she refused.

The Informant further advised that DR. STAMLER's wife died in 1942 and that he had a daughter by the name of NINA.

The Informant stated that visiting the clinic in February, 1942 and that during a conversation with DR. LIPSTEIN the informant mentioned that she was obtaining relief and that she needed a job. DR. LIPSTEIN asked if she could operate a Russian language typewriter and when she answered in the affirmative LIPSTEIN told the Informant to contact GOLOS in an effort to secure employment.

The Informant described DR. STAMLER as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	63 in 1950
Height:	5' 3"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Grey and bushy
Occupation:	Dentist

It is noted that the Bronx Telephone Directory lists a DR. I. STAMLER, Dentist, at 2808 Bronx Park East, with residence at 391 East Moshulu Parkway, North, Bronx, New York.

It is noted that this individual is the only person having the surname of STAMLER listed as a Dentist in the Bronx.

In view of the information furnished by T-4 it is believed this is the DR. STAMLER referred to by the Informant.

It is further noted that one ISAAC STAMLER, Dentist, was a witness for JACOB MINDEL, previously considered as a possible suspect for unknown subject, "CHARLIE", at the time MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1950.

P E N D I N G

1915.  
See Ser 1981

NY 65-14778

L E A D S

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will check the records of the Passport Division of the State Department to ascertain whether or not passports have been issued to DR. ISAAC STAMLER, mentioned herein, and to DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

\* Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding DR. HOLZMAN, and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 2808 Bronx Park East, Bronx, and at 391 East Moshulu Parkway, North, Bronx, in an effort to obtain further information regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will check the records at the office of Selective Service for such information as may be contained therein regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 130 West 57th Street for further information regarding DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain photographs of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951, is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1340 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT-117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsubs BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, at New York, 6/27/51.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.

NY 65-14778

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated DEC 7 1950 at New York, are as follows:

- T-1 - ASHLEY NICHOLAS, Assistant Chief, Passport Division, State Department, information set out herein is in miscellaneous files of Mr. NICHOLAS' office.
- T-2 - [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)  
The Informant requested that her name be kept confidential.
- T-3 - Former Confidential Informant [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
- T-4 - Mrs. ELIZABETH TESLUK, 3221 Irving Street, San Francisco, California, who when she applied for employment at the Around the World Trading Corp. used her maiden name, ELSA WALKIN.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 10/3/50.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **65-14774**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>DEC 7 1950</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/28, 31; 11/30/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "CHARLIE"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Surveillance photos of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY obtained and displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who failed to identify him as the unknown subject, "CHARLIE". Information obtained that one DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 W. 57th Street, NYC, was known to JACOB GOLOS. DR. ISAAC STAMLER also said to be contact of JACOB GOLOS.

**DETAILS:**

**DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

On October 28, 1950 four surveillance-type photographs of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were obtained by the writer. These photographs were obtained in the vicinity of SAPOLSKY'S residence. The photographs were subsequently displayed to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, however, she failed to identify SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
② - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (info) 1 - San Francisco (info) (65-3938) 2 - Washington Field (65-4569) 3 - New York			

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

NY 65-14778

DR. EDWARD KALLMAN

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, made available copies of numerous documents which, according to the informant, were the property of JACOB GOLOS, former manager of World Tours Incorporated.

Among these documents was a telephone index belonging to GOLOS. Many of the names listed therein were of well known Communist Party functionaries. Included in the list was that of the following:

DR. KALLMAN,  
130 West 57th Street,  
Apartment 6C  
Phone: CI 7-3022

The current New York Telephone Directory lists EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, telephone CI 7-3021.

On January 15, 1942, DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, Apartment 6C, Telephone No. CI 7-3022, made a complaint concerning suspected Nazi activities at the Hotel Salisbury. KALLMAN was further interviewed regarding this matter by an agent of the New York Office on February 12, 1942. Also interviewed at that time was Miss DORIS GREEN, Dr. KALLMAN'S Secretary.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained at the Jefferson School of Social Science. The Informant advised that certain persons on this list were believed to have made contributions to the school. Among the names so listed was that of DR. ED KALLMAN, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, who made a contribution of an unknown amount in June, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on April 21, 1943 that a DR. KALLMAN, whose address the Informant gave as 105 West 57th Street, was recommended to the Informant as a Party member by one SALLY KAHN. At that time KAHN advised the Informant that KALLMAN'S services were utilized by a great many of the Party members.



NY 65-14778

Comments made by the agent who received this information from the Informant indicated that the DR. KALLMAN referred to was DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, whose correct address was 130 West 57th Street, New York City.

DR. ISAAC STANLER

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, advised agents of the San Francisco Office in May, 1949 that she had been directed in 1941 to go to the Round the World Trading Corporation and ask for JACOB GOLOS in order that she might obtain a position.

The Informant advised that she had been interviewed by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who had in turn introduced her to JACOB GOLOS. Following this introduction the Informant was given a position. She claimed that she did not like the looks of the concern operated by GOLOS and had not returned to work there.

When the Informant furnished the information regarding this incident she was of the belief that she had been sent to the Round the World Trading Corporation by one Mrs. ANNA KAPLAN whom she had previously known; however, in a subsequent interview on March 24, 1950, the Informant advised that she now recalled she had been directed to GOLOS by a DR. LIPSTEIN, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic located in a co-operative apartment house at 2700 Bronx Park East, New York City. This clinic was operated together with one DR. STANLER.

The Informant advised that she had first met both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STANLER in about 1930 or 1931 when she, the Informant, was a resident in the vicinity of this dental clinic and had called at the office to obtain routine dental care. She advised that she returned to the clinic on various occasions until approximately 1942.

Through conversation with the aforementioned doctor she realized that both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STANLER were passionately pro-Soviet in their attitude and that both were either Communist Party members or Communist sympathizers.

NY 65-14778

The Informant recalled that on one occasion DR. STAMLER tried to persuade her to join the Communist Party, but she refused.

The Informant further advised that DR. STAMLER's wife died in 1942 and that he had a daughter by the name of NINA.

The Informant stated that visiting the clinic in February, 1942 and that during a conversation with DR. LIPSTEIN the Informant mentioned that she was obtaining relief and that she needed a job. DR. LIPSTEIN asked if she could operate a Russian language typewriter and when she answered in the affirmative LIPSTEIN told the Informant to contact GOLOS in an effort to secure employment.

The Informant described DR. STAMLER as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	6 in 1950
Height:	5' 3"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Grey and bushy
Occupation:	Dentist

It is noted that the Bronx Telephone Directory lists a DR. I. STAMLER, Dentist, at 2808 Bronx Park East, with residence at 391 East Mosholu Parkway, North, Bronx, New York.

It is noted that this individual is the only person having the surname of STAMLER listed as a Dentist in the Bronx.

In view of the information furnished by T-4 it is believed this is the DR. STAMLER referred to by the Informant.

It is further noted that one ISAAC STAMLER, Dentist, was a witness for JACOB MINDEL, previously considered as a possible suspect for unknown subject, "CHARLIE", at the time MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1950.

P E N D I N G



NY 65-14778

**LEADS**

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

**At Washington, D. C.**

Will check the records of the Passport Division of the State Department to ascertain whether or not passports have been issued to DR. ISAAC STAMLER, mentioned herein, and to DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

**NEW YORK**

**At New York, New York**

• Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding DR. HOLZMAN, and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 2808 Bronx Park East, Bronx, and at 391 East Mosholu Parkway, North, Bronx, in an effort to obtain further information regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will check the records at the office of Selective Service for such information as may be contained therein regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 130 West 57th Street for further information regarding DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain photographs of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.



NY 65-14778

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS**

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA LESTER G. GALLAHER, dated DEC 7 1950 at New York, are as follows:

T-1 - ASHLEY NICHOLAS, Assistant Chief, Passport Division, State Department, information set out herein is in miscellaneous files of Mr. NICHOLAS' office. (b)(7)(D)

T-2 - [REDACTED]

The Informant requested that her name be kept confidential. (b)(7)(D)

T-3 - Former Confidential Informant [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

T-4 - Mrs. ELIZABETH YESLUCK, 1221 Irving Street, San Francisco, California, who when she applied for employment at the Around the World Trading Corp. used her maiden name, ELSA MALKIN.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA LESTER G. GALLAHER, 10/3/50.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: DEC 7 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa; "CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Bufile 65-57904)

Reference is made to the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER dated DEC 7 1950 at New York, of which two copies are enclosed, wherein there is set out information that ELIZABETH BENTLEY failed to identify DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

It is further pointed out that in the report of LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated 4/24/50, information is set out indicating that SAPOLSKY is or has been a member of the Communist Party. In view of the fact that SAPOLSKY was probably an acquaintance of JACOB GOLOS, Bureau permission is requested to interview SAPOLSKY for such information as he might have regarding other dentists who may have been associated with GOLOS, in an effort to develop information leading to the possible identification of the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

Enclosures: (2)

LOG:ARV  
65-14778

RECORDED - 96

INDEXED - 96

65-57904-21

ASB 130150

SAC, New York

December 26, 1950

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet December 7 last.

The Bureau feels that Dr. Louis Sapolsky should not be interviewed inasmuch as he has not been eliminated as a suspect for unknown subject Charlie. You should resubmit your request when this has been accomplished.

RECORDED - 11

65-57904  
ASB:MH

21

EX-127

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

ASB

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

MAILED  
DEC 26 1950  
COMM. FILE



Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : GUY RUTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
wa. CHARLIE  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Bufile 65-57904)

DATE: December 21, 1950

Re report of Special Agent LESTER O. GALLANER dated December 7, 1950, at New York City on the above subject.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, contain no information regarding Dr. EDWARD KALIMAN or Dr. ISAAC STAMER.

Passports were issued in 1935 and 1949 to one EDWARD ADOLF KERBS, 21 Lewis Drive, Maplewood, New Jersey, who was born November 20, 1919, New York City. KERBS listed his parents as WILLIAM K. KALIMAN, 24 Central Park South, New York City, born June 27, 1884, at Coblentz, Germany, and JEANNE E. KERBS, 480 Park Avenue, New York City, born October 24, 1895, at New York City.

Should these individuals be identified as relatives of DR. KALIMAN, Washington Field Division can furnish more information concerning each of them. RUC

RECORDED - 31

INDEXED - 31

165-57904-22  
DEC 26 1950

cc: New York (65-14778)

65-4969

EX-116 ASB Red ASB

WASH FROM NEW YORK

8

24

12-47 PM

DIRECTOR

DEFERRED

UNSUB, WA CHARLIE, ESP-R. CASE PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION. WILL  
SUREP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SCHEIDT

HOLD

RECORDED 9

65-57904-23

DEC 26 1951

66 MAR 5 1951



SAC, New York

March 31, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.  
Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

The Bureau desires to caution you against the elimination of any suspect for unknown subject, Charlie, solely because Bentley fails to identify the suspect as Charlie.

You will recall that Bentley, to her knowledge, has never seen Charlie. Therefore, if she fails to identify a suspect, but there are other facts indicating the suspect may be Charlie, your investigation should continue to a logical conclusion.

The Bureau feels that when associates of Jacob Golos, Joseph Katz or other espionage superiors of Bentley have been eliminated as suspects for Charlie, consideration should be given to interviewing them in an attempt to obtain any information which may possibly assist in identifying the subject of this case. Bureau authority must be secured, where necessary, prior to conducting such interviews.

RECORDED - 117

65-57904 - 24  
EX-130

ASB:dar

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI  
RECEIVED - NEW YORK ROOM

MAR 31 3 00 PM '51

MAILED 3  
MAR 31 1951  
COMM - FBI

62 APR 23 1951

ASB

Mr. Brent

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

~~TOP SECRET~~

April 24, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

[REDACTED]

(TS)

[REDACTED]

(TS)

[REDACTED]

(TS)

[REDACTED]

(TS)

[REDACTED]

(TS)

Bentley's signed statement dated 11/30/45 reflects that after the arrest of Ovakimian (May, 1941) Jacob Golos obtained another contact, CHARLIE, to whom he delivered his material.

(U)

Classified by 5886 2/25/78

Exempt From GDS Category 2

Date of Declassification Indefinite

NOT RECORDED

55 APR 27 1951

65-59145

cc: New York

cc: 65-57904

DUPLICATE YELLOW  
TOP SECRET

(b) One to Charlie

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN 65-57904-17

Tolson  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Belmont  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Harbo  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Nease

473  
66 APR 24 1951

In 8/41, when the Silvermaster group entered into the activities of Golos and Bentley through an arrangement with Earl Browder, Golos, because of ill health, arranged for Bentley to turn information over to JOHN, who Bentley believed was probably a new arrival in the United States and probably connected with the Soviet Consulate in New York City. She said that as a recognition signal on her first meeting with JOHN she was to say "CHARLIE sent me." She met JOHN about ten times until late 1941 or early 1942. (U)

(b)(1) [REDACTED] (TS)

Sometime in 1942, according to Bentley, Golos began to give her verbal instructions for the guidance of Silvermaster's group and that still later, probably in the latter part of 1942, Golos began to give her typewritten instructions in Russian furnished him by CHARLIE, to be taken by her to Silvermaster. (U)

During a more recent interview reflected in the report of Special Agent Lester O. Callaher, New York, 4/24/50, captioned "Unknown Subject, wa. CHARLIE; Espionage - R," Bentley stated that it was her belief that these instructions had been prepared by the Russians who gave them to CHARLIE for further transmission to Golos. She specifically said that it was not her belief that CHARLIE himself prepared these instructions. (U)

Sometime in October, 1943, on Golos' instructions, Bentley again met MARGARET (Olga Pravdina), who introduced her to CATHERINE, whom she believed to be a native-born American, to whom she delivered material on one or two occasions. (U)

(b)(1) [REDACTED] (TS)

(b)(1)

[REDACTED] (TS)

In October, 1944, as the result of arrangements by BILL, Bentley met Joseph Katz, whom she knew as JACK, and she said that in the latter part of 1944 Katz told her that the present policy of the Russians was to split the largest groups obtaining information into smaller ones. In December, 1944, he told Bentley to tell her people in Washington, D. C. that she would no longer handle their material. After Christmas, 1944, and during the first few months of 1945, meetings between Bentley and Katz were devoted principally to discussions concerning the progress of Bentley's former contacts in Washington. Katz was thoroughly cognizant of the activities of the Silvermaster group then being handled by BILL, and in view of Bentley's statement that Katz divided his time equally between New York and Washington it appears that BILL (u) may have been working with Katz.

Sometime during her association with Katz (October, 1944, to May, 1945) he told Bentley that CHARLIE was described as about 55 years of age, five feet, five inches tall, 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, dentist by occupation, Russian-Jewish nationality, permanent resident of the United States for many years and resident of New York. Katz also told Bentley that CHARLIE had had a gall bladder operation. You will note the similarity between the topic of conversation between Katz and Bentley and the Bureau Source 5 information concerning ALBERT as of that time. (u)

(b)(1)

[REDACTED] (TS)

-3-

During the interview reflected in the report of Special Agent Gallaher, Bentley expressed the belief that Golos continued association with CHARLIE until approximately eight months prior to Golos' death, or until about April, 1943. At the same time she stated that the association between CHARLIE and Golos was frequently interrupted due to CHARLIE's illness and that in the latter part of 1942 or early 1943 CHARLIE had had an operation. It appears possible that this operation may be the reason for the termination of Golos' contact with CHARLIE in about April, 1943. In view of the frequent interruptions of this relationship it is believed possible that CHARLIE may have resumed his activities later and that Bentley may not have known about this resumption, particularly if it occurred after Golos' death. It will be remembered that Bentley never met CHARLIE and had relatively little information (U) about his activities, even during Golos' lifetime.

(b)(1)

(TS)

(b)(1)

(TS)

(b)(1)

(TS)



(b)(1)

[REDACTED] (TS)

(b)(1)

[REDACTED] (S)

It is suggested that New York reinterview Elizabeth Bentley in an effort to determine whether she can recall the circumstances surrounding her conversation with Joseph Katz which occasioned the mention and description of CHARLIE in 1944-1945, bearing in mind that this may have occurred in connection with Katz' explanation of the method of handling the Silvermaster material. (U)

(b)(1)

[REDACTED] (TS)

It is noted that investigation in the Unknown Subject CHARLIE case developed preliminary background and descriptive data concerning Dr. Louis Spolsky, whose calling card was in the possession of Golos sometime prior to (U)

-5-

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

1947, which compares favorably with the information concerning CHARLIE. It appears that Sapolsky was eliminated as a suspect because Bentley failed to identify a photograph of him. Inasmuch as it is not at all certain that Bentley ever saw CHARLIE, it is not desired that suspects be eliminated solely on Bentley's failure to identify photographs. It is requested that further inquiry be made concerning Sapolsky, bearing in mind the information concerning CHARLIE's operation, his son in Russia, and his probable contact with Olga Pravdina of Amtorg, Unknown Subject JOHN mentioned by Bentley, and Joseph Katz. (U)

It is also noted that Dr. Abraham Weinstein, contact of Joseph Gregg, Peter Rhodes, and Rae Elson, has been eliminated as a suspect for CHARLIE. In this regard it was pointed out that he was troubled with ulcers, in July, 1942, according to information he supplied in connection with registration under Selective Service, but that he made no mention of a gall bladder condition or operation. Bentley advised that the operation of CHARLIE occurred in late 1942 or early 1943 and it is not clear when Weinstein supplied the information concerning his health to Selective Service authorities. If it were supplied in July, 1942, it would, of course, afford no basis for eliminating him as a suspect. A review of information available on Weinstein also reflects that he was in partnership in dentistry with a brother, Morris Weinstein, and that two assistant dentists were also employed. It does not appear that background information concerning Morris Weinstein or the identities of the dentists employed has been developed. In view of the visits to the Weinstein offices by individuals involved in the Silvermaster group New York should make further inquiry concerning the Weinsteins. (U)

The Bureau is certain that the New York and Washington Field Offices realize the extreme importance of this case and therefore expects that it and the above requests will be given prompt and thorough attention. (U)

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

36599

April 26, 1951

SAC 125 TONI

URGENT

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FIVE.

~~TOP SECRET~~

(b)(1) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

65-57304-22

ORIGINAL FILED IN

IN EVENT YOU FEEL ROBE COOPERATIVE SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO IDENTIFY UNSUBS CHARLEY, BILL AND CATHERINE IN GREGORY CASE THROUGH DR. ROBE BY DISCUSSING WITH HIM KNOWN DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE UNSUBS. BENTLEY'S IDENTITY AS SOURCE THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROTECTED, AND RESULTS YOUR INTERVIEW SHOULD BE REPORTED IN RESPECTIVE UNSUB FILE. EXPEDITE INFORMATION REQUESTED BULET MARCH TWELVE RELATIVE CITIZENSHIP, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND BUSINESS CONNECTION OF SALLY EDULMAN, FORMER ALDRG EMPLOYEE AND SECRETARY TO LUKIANOV. SUGGEST IF THIS INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE UNFILES, SUCH MAY BE OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEW DR. ROBE.

HOOVER

65-57904-✓

NOT RECORDED  
106 APR 30 1951

(b)(1) [REDACTED] (TS)

65-57905 (Unsub-Bill and Catherine)

65-57904 (Unsub-Charley)

EFE smm

Classified by 5886 2/25/78

Declassify on: GDS Category 2

Declassify on: Indefinite

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) (1000)

2-25-78

DUPLICATE TELETYPE  
TRANSMITTED

~~TOP SECRET~~

66 MAY 10 1951 191

CARBON COPY

APR 28 1951

36597

TELETYPE

WASH AND WASH FLD 2 FROM NEW YORK 28 143 AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC DEFERRED

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

*One Charlie*

UNSUB WA. BILL, UNSUB WA. CATHERINE, ESP. + R. GREGORY CASE, SIX FIVE - FIVE SEVEN NINE ZERO FIVE, CC SIX FIVE - FIVE NINE ONE FOUR FIVE, WHO FILE SIX FIVE - FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT, CC SIX FIVE - FIVE FOUR FOUR TWO. DR. J. M. ROWE, FORMER MEDICAL CONSULTANT AND REPRESENTATIVE SGPC, WHO HAD OFFICES AT AMTORG, TWO ONE ZERO MADISON AVENUE, NYC, FROM ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY TO FORTY SIX, WAS INTERVIEWED AT NYO APRIL TWENTY SIXTH, LAST. WIFE, ELIZABETH ROWE, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT SAME OFFICE DURING APPROX SAME PERIOD UNDER NAME OF ELIZABETH BERDY, ALSO PRESENT. ROWE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH AND TREATED EMPLOYEES OF USSR CONSULATE, TASS, SGPC AND AMTORG BOTH IN PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY. FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF UNSUB BILL, CATHERINE AND CHARLIE WERE DISCUSSED WITH ROWE AND WIFE. THEY STATED THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE AT OR CONNECTED WITH ANY OF ABOVE AGENCIES WHO MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB CATHERINE. ON BASIS OF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, THEY SUGGESTED NAMES OF MALEEV, OF TRANSPORT DIVISION OF SGPC, BELIEVED TO BE ALEKSANDER ALEKSEEVICH MALEEV, AND PETER A. GOLIKOV, CHIEF OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SGPC, AS POSSIBILITIES FOR BILL. FROM REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IT IS BELIEVED DOUBTFUL THEY ARE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB BILL. HOWEVER PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO BENTLEY AT EARLY DATE. WITH REGARD TO UNSUB CHARLIE, ROWE ADVISED DR. SOBELMAN, ALREADY CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN UNSUB CHARLIE CASE, DID MOST OF DENTAL WORK FOR AMTORG. ALSO

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN 100-57905-1

NOT RECORDED

55 MAY 3 1951

INITIALS ON ORIGINAL

DAVID 10



36598

PAGE TWO

SUGGESTED DR. ALFRED ASGIS AS POSSIBILITY FOR CHARLIE ON BASIS OF  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND KNOWN BACKGROUND OF UNSUB CHARLIE. STATED  
ASGIS APPROX SIXTY YEARS OF AGE AND OF SHORT STOCKY BUILD, IS KNOWN TO  
HIM TO BE ACTIVE IN LABOR MOVEMENT. FURTHER INVES WILL BE CONDUCTED  
BY THIS OFFICE RE ASGIS.

SCHMIDT

112111

HLD PLS



SAC, New York  
Director, FBI

May 4, 1951

JOSEPH KATZ, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R  
New York file 65-14913

CHARWIE

Reply from New York  
6-1-51 Report will  
be submitted by 6-9-51  
A.S.B.

Re NYO letter 2-23-51 instant case wherein information from State Department files on Joseph Hoot, Elias Shapiro, Sonia Dobbs and Isidore Litvackoff set forth. Bufiles have been reviewed on Violet Shapiro mentioned in report as daughter of Elias Shapiro, on Helen Stawsky mentioned as an identifying witness on a passport application of Elias Shapiro, and on S. J. Dobb who signed a letter of World Tourists, Inc., dated 8-14-38, to Elias Shapiro. The files were negative as to Helen Stawsky. The only information located and believed to pertain to Violet Shapiro, is set forth hereinafter.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, entitled "Appendix-Part IX - Communist Front Organizations - With Special Reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee," refers to the New York Professional Workers Conference on Social Insurance. According to the report the above Conference was held on 12-20-34 in NYO and among the speakers was Harry Lurie. The report discusses the Communist background of Lurie and mentions that he was a speaker for the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work. The report also lists a number of individuals who were "affiliated with the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work." One of the individuals listed was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

The same report also lists a "Supplemental Group of Communist Fronts." The report states "The exhibits which are included in this section of the report are all Communist fronts." Twelve exhibits are listed with Exhibit #11 being identified as "Social Work Today Cooperators, 1940 (Social Work Today, Jan. 1941, pp 16-18)." The list of cooperators was broken down geographically and included under a heading of "New York City" was "Violet Shapiro, #5."

65-57913

cc: Philadelphia (65-4360)  
cc: Washington Field (65-4370)  
cc: New York (100-64971)  
cc: 100-336527

cc: 100-555-57904

60 MAY 15 1951

Y.F. bje

An anonymous communication was received by the Bureau postmarked 8-2-40 at Brooklyn, N.Y. therein the writer alleges that the Social Service Employees Union and the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, are both CIO and "100% Communist controlled." The writer also sets forth, among other things, "Copy of list to Dies Committee and N.Y. Police Red Squad to follow---." This includes a long list of names and short comments concerning some of the individuals listed. One of the names on the list is Violet Shapiro. The letter is partially illegible at this point but it is possible that the writer further identified Violet Shapiro as being connected with the "National Refugee Service."

By letter of 8-4-47 captioned "Briehl's Farm, Communist Party Secret School; Internal Security - C (NY file 100-80631) the NYO provided photographic copies of pages from the cash book of Fred Briehl for the period from 1-12 through 9-46. These pages contained the names of individuals who were guests at Briehl's Farm during the aforementioned period. Pages 21 and 89 of the book reflected the name of Violet Shapiro, not further identified. It might be pointed out that the investigation of Briehl's Farm was initiated in 1947 upon information received from NY [REDACTED]. This informant alleged that the farm was being operated as a secret CP training school.

NY [REDACTED] reported on 1-9-47 that Florence Wallerstein, was., was a CP member. The same informant later reported, on 3-18-47, that Wallerstein had registered in a CP Club and at that time stated that she had been a CP member for 13 years, was a reader of the Daily and Sunday Worker, and contemplated becoming active in CP work on a greater scale. According to the report of SA James J. Smith, Jr., dated 10-4-49 at NYC and entitled "Florence Wallerstein, was.; Security Matter - C" (NY file 100-94135), Florence Shapiro married John Wallerstein on 9-1-40. Marriage records reflect that her parents were Lester M. Shapiro, born Russia, and Minnie Jacobs, born in the U. S. One of the witnesses to the marriage was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

With reference to S. J. Dobb the following information was located:

According to the report of SA J. E. Kelley dated 3-16-40 at NYC and entitled "Philip Raymond, was, et al; Enlistment for Spain" (NY file 54-98) the records of the Hotel Broadway Central, 673 Broadway, NYC, were checked through M. M. Goldstein, Manager. According to Mr. Goldstein, through arrangements made by one Sam Bard, guests of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion were sent to his hotel beginning in 12-37 and continuing until 10-39. The bills for these guests were sent to World Tourists, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C., until 12-38 when the Abraham Lincoln Battalion or the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion took over. Goldstein produced letters directed to the hotel by World Tourists, Inc., and these letters for the most part were signed by J. E. Golos, Manager. However, six of them bore the signature of S. J. Dobb. Goldstein also produced a number of cards of World Tourists, Inc., introducing guests to the hotel. It was noted that some of these cards bore the stamped signature of J. E. Golos while others were signed S. J. Dobb.

As Anna Josephine Dobrkin (NY file 100-64971) is known to have been employed at World Tourists and to have been known as S. J. Dobbs, it is believed that she is identical with the S. J. Dobb referred to above. The background of J. E. Golos and the World Tourists, Inc. are already well known to you.

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/5/51

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa. Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Bufile 65-57904

*Reply from New York  
10-8 (10-1) - Report dictated  
will be submitted as  
soon as transcribed  
A.S.B.*

In connection with the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY to the effect that subsequent to the arrest of OVAKIMIAN, JACOB GOLOS began turning the espionage material which he collected over to an individual known to BENTLEY as "CHARLIE", on the possibility that "CHARLIE" might have been connected with the OVAKIMIAN group, it is suggested that the New York Office might give consideration to having SIMON ROSENBERG and ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN interviewed to determine if they might be of assistance in identifying "CHARLIE."

It has also been noted that according to BENTLEY, JOSEPH KATZ mentioned that "CHARLIE" was not "one of their people", which meant to BENTLEY that "CHARLIE" was not one of the Russian official family. Furthermore, BENTLEY stated that "CHARLIE" had been in the U.S. for years and years and was "a real old-timer." It is, therefore, suggested that interviews of New York informants formerly connected with the CP, such as LOUIS BUDENS, BEN GITLOW, and others, might be of assistance in ascertaining "CHARLIE's" identity.

Also, according to BENTLEY, "CHARLIE" had a son who had been crippled by having been run over by a streetcar between July 1941 and early 1943, and that one or both of the son's legs were amputated as a result of this accident. The New York Office might consider the feasibility of contacting the appropriate divisions of the streetcar companies in New York City, Brooklyn, or vicinity, for those two years, to ascertain the names of persons so injured.

It is further noted that BENTLEY stated that she had listened in on a telephone extension and had determined that GOLOS' superior subsequent to "CHARLIE" had a high, squeaky voice and a strong Russian accent.

Classified by 5886 2/25/78  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2,3  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

WJF:hko  
(65-3938)

cc: New York (65-114778)

Wash. Field (65-4969)

RECORDED - 100

INDEXED - 103

EX-198

65 AUG 8 1951

INTERESTED AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF Class  
DATE 2-23-78

~~SECRET~~



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 65-14778-ETM

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5, 6, 18, 26, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

**DETAILS:**

Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he knows, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

65-57904-27

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> <b>COPY IN FILE</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>RECORDED - 23</b> <b>INDEXED - 23</b> <b>3920</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5-Bureau 1-Los Angeles (Info) 1-San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1-Washington Field (Info) (65-4969) 2-New York		

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

NOV 15 1951



NY 65-14778

IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAFFER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 28, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHARLIE".

Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB GOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.

NY 65-14778

An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the "Daily Worker" and "New York Times". This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

Birthplace Russia (1887) Head of Workers School 35 East 12th Street, New York City, Daily Worker, August 15, 1938, 4:3 photo. Biographical sketch, December 15, 1938, 7:2. Died suddenly August 29, 1939 while waiting for a train at Pennsylvania Station. Director and founder of Workers School, New York City. Came to United States soon after 1905 Revolution. New York Times August 30, 1939."

Information Received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY

On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANATOLE GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she saw GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

- P E N D I N G -



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO.

**65-14778 ETR**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5, 6, 18, 26, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

-P-

**DETAILS:**

**Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he known, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		

**COPIES OF THIS REPORT**

- 3-Bureau
- 1-Los Angeles (Info)
- 1-San Francisco (Info) (65-3938)
- 1-Washington Field (Info) (65-4969)
- 2-New York

NY 65-14778

IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAPPIER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 28, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHAPLIN".

Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB SOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.



NY 65-14778

An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the "Daily Worker" and "New York Times." This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

Birthplace Russia (1887) Head of Workers School 15 East 12th Street, New York City, Daily Worker, August 15, 1938, 413 photo. Biographical sketch, December 15, 1938, 712. Died suddenly August 29, 1939 while waiting for a train at Pennsylvania Station. Director and founder of Workers School, New York City. Came to United States soon after 1905 Revolution. New York Times August 30, 1939.

Information Received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY

On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAGHER and FRANCIS W. ZANILE. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANTHONY GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she saw GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

- P E N D I N G -



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951, is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 140 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsubs BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE [REDACTED]

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, at New York, 6/27/51.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO.

**65-14778 EFM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5, 6, 18, 26, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

-P-

**DETAILS:**

**Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he knows, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
3 - Bureau 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1 - Washington Field (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York			

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-50825-1

NY 65-14778

IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAFFER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 28, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHAPLIN".

Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB GOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.



NY 65-14778

An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the Daily Worker and "New York Times." This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

Birthplace Russia (1887) Head of Workers School 35 East 12th Street, New York City, Daily Worker, August 15, 1938, 4:3 photo. Biographical sketch, December 15, 1938, 7:2. Died suddenly August 29, 1939 while waiting for a train at Pennsylvania Station. Director and founder of Workers School, New York City. Came to United States soon after 1905 Revolution. New York Times August 30, 1939.

Information Received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY

On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. CALLAHAN and FRANCIS W. ZANOLE. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANTOLETE GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she was GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

- P E N D I N G -

NY 65-14718

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951, is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(D)

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1440 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsub BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, at New York, 6/27/51.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**NEW YORK**

NY

FILE NO.

**65-14778 EFM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5, 6, 18, 26, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

-2-

**DETAILS:**

**Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he knows, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		

COPIES OF THIS REPORT  
**3-Bureau**  
**1-Los Angeles (Info)**  
**1-San Francisco (Info) (65-3938)**  
**1-Washington Field (Info) (65-4969)**  
**2-New York**

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

NY 65-14778

IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAPIER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 28, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHARLIE".

DR. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB GOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.



NY 65-14778

An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the Daily Worker and "New York Times." This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

Birthplace Russia (1887) Head of Workers School 35 East 12th Street, New York City, Daily Worker, August 15, 1938, 413 photo. Biographical sketch, December 15, 1938, 712. Died suddenly August 29, 1939 while waiting for a train at Pennsylvania Station. Director and founder of Workers School, New York City. Came to United States soon after 1905 Revolution. New York Times August 30, 1939.

Information Received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY

On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAGHER and FRANCIS W. ZANOLK. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANATOLE GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she saw GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

- P E N D I N G -

NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951, is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1140 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsub BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, at New York, 6/27/51.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO.

**65-14778 ERM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5, 6, 18, 26, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER G. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

-P-

**DETAILS:**

**Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he knows, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
Bureau 1-Los Angeles (Info) 1-San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1-Washington Field (Info) (65-4969) 2-New York			

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.



NY 65-14778

IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAPFER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 21, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHARLIE".

Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB GOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.

NY 65-14778

An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the "Daily Worker" and "New York Times." This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

Birthplace Russia (1887) Head of Workers School 35 East 12th Street, New York City, Daily Worker, August 15, 1938, 4:3 photo. Biographical sketch, December 15, 1938, 7:2. Died suddenly August 29, 1939 while waiting for a train at Pennsylvania Station. Director and founder of Workers School, New York City. Came to United States soon after 1905 Revolution. New York Times August 30, 1939.

Information Received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY

On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAGHER and FRANCIS W. ZANDLER. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANATOLE GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she saw GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

- P E N D I N G -

is not being granted. The information indicates that Stanler has been pro-Communist, to say the least, for years and that there is no basis whatsoever for believing that he would be cooperative with the Bureau.

In the future when giving consideration to the desirability of interviewing individuals in connection with these cases it is requested that you consult your files for available information.

In addition to the foregoing, a review of this file reflects no information that Stanler was an associate of Golos, though of course, such a possibility exists. It appears that Mrs. Elizabeth Tesluck advised that in 1941, she was referred to Golos for employment in the Round the World Trading Corporation by Dr. Lipstein, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic with Dr. Stanler. Mrs. Tesluck said that both Lipstein and Stanler were passionately pro-Soviet and that both were either Communist Party members or sympathizers.



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951 is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1440 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsubs BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, at New York, 6/27/51.

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 23, 1951

30600

W 2-1

Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated October 10, 1951, in the case entitled, "BORIS BYKOV, s.; ESPIONAGE - R," in which there is set out a theory that for some discrepancy in physical description, Dr. ABEN WOLFSON might be considered a good suspect for UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE in Gregory Case.

It is to be pointed out that the facts we have pertaining to the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE are meager and we are quite dependent on the description furnished to us by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a means of identifying him.

It will be recalled that WOLFSON'S association with HARRY DEXTER WHITE was discovered during the course of the early investigation of subjects in the Silvermaster Case at which time the Bureau Agents who supervised and worked that case were alerted to the fact that individuals connected with known subjects might present possibilities of being identical with the unknown subjects of the case. In view of the rather extensive investigative activity which centered around WHITE and WOLFSON, it is to be assumed that the latter was considered and rejected as a suspect by the unknown subject "Charlie." In addition it is to be pointed out that following the assignment of this case to the agent who is presently working it, a review was conducted of all of the early volumes of the Silvermaster file at which time WOLFSON'S association with WHITE was noted, consideration was given to the possibilities of his being identical with the subject and after such consideration he was rejected as a possibility.

It is felt that in conducting investigation in this case we must necessarily limit ourselves to the few known facts concerning CHARLIE after allowing a reasonably sufficient margin for possible errors made by BENTLEY and her principals in describing the subject. Obviously, we cannot investigate every dentist, however; if it is found that a dentist, who is a contact of individuals who are known to have been involved in the Silvermaster or Okavimian Cases or whose associations are such as to cause us to believe he might have been so involved, then further consideration should be given to the dentist to determine if his description is similar.

cc Los Angeles  
San Francisco  
Washington Field

RECORDED-33

INDEXED - 43

EX-105

OCT 25 1951

HANDLED BY  
SAC'S DESK

65-57904-28

Uncl. 2000  
(2000)

OG:MM  
5-14778

Letter to Director  
NY 65-14778

to the subjects. If through such inquiry it is determined that the descriptions are similar, we should, of course, conduct further investigation to ascertain if any of the other known facts concerning "Charlie" can be found. On the other hand, if it is found that there is little or no similarity, no further investigation should be conducted in the absence of strongly compelling reasons to do so.

Undoubtedly every subject of the Silvermaster and Ovakimian Cases had at least one contact who was a dentist. In many instances these dentists may have been Communists and in a few instances, such as in the case of WOLFSON, they may have been engaged in espionage activities or may have been on the fringe of such activity. This does not necessarily make him identical with the subject of this case nor is it felt that extensive investigation should be entered into merely because of such association when it is found that none of the known facts concerning "Charlie" appear to fit the suspects. It is felt that such investigation can only result in an unnecessary expenditure of investigative time and that the investigation would be better confined to development of information on individuals who are genuinely logical suspects.

Director, FBI

October 23, 1951

SAC, New York

UNSUB, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated October 10, 1951, in the case entitled, "BORIS BYKOV, wa.; ESPIONAGE - R," in which there is set out a theory that but for some discrepancy in physical description, Dr. ABE WOLFSON might be considered a good suspect for UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE in the Gregory Case.

It is to be pointed out that the facts we have pertaining to the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE are meager and we are quite dependent on the description furnished to us by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a means of identifying him.

It will be recalled that WOLFSON'S association with HARRY DEXTER WHITE was discovered during the course of the early investigation of subjects in the Silvermaster Case at which time the Bureau Agents who supervised and worked that case were alerted to the fact that individuals connected with known subjects might present possibilities of being identical with the unknown subjects of the case. In view of the rather extensive investigative activity which centered around WHITE and WOLFSON, it is to be assumed that the latter was considered and rejected as a suspect by the unknown subject "Charlie." In addition it is to be pointed out that following the assignment of this case to the agent who is presently working it, a review was conducted of all of the early volumes of the Silvermaster file at which time WOLFSON'S association with WHITE was noted, consideration was given to the possibilities of his being identical with the subject and after such consideration he was rejected as a possibility.

It is felt that in conducting investigation in this case we must necessarily limit ourselves to the few known facts concerning CHARLIE after allowing a reasonably sufficient margin for possible errors made by BENTLEY and her principals in describing the subject. Obviously, we cannot investigate every dentist, however, if it is found that a dentist, who is a contact of individuals who are known to have been involved in the Silvermaster or Ovakinian Cases or whose associations are such as to cause us to believe he might have been so involved, then further consideration should be given to the dentist to determine if his description is similar

cc Los Angeles  
San Francisco  
Washington Field

LOG:MM  
65-14778

30503

Letter to Director  
NY 65-14778

to the subjects. If through such inquiry it is determined that the descriptions are similar, we should, of course, conduct further investigation to ascertain if any of the other known facts concerning "Charlie" can be found. On the other hand, if it is found that there is little or no similarity, no further investigation should be conducted in the absence of strongly compelling reasons to do so.

Undoubtedly every subject of the Silvermaster and Ova'imian Cases had at least one contact who was a dentist. In many instances these dentists may have been Communists and in a few instances, such as in the case of WOLFSON, they may have been engaged in espionage activities or may have been on the fringe of such activity. This does not necessarily make him identical with the subject of this case nor is it felt that extensive investigation should be entered into merely because of such association when it is found that none of the known facts concerning "Charlie" appear to fit the suspects. It is felt that such investigation can only result in an unnecessary expenditure of investigative time and that the investigation would be better confined to development of information on individuals who are genuinely logical suspects.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 12/20/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, CHARLIE  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Remylet 12/7/50, Bulet 12/26/50, Rent SA LESTER C. GALLAHER  
10/11/51.

Reference is made to my previous request to the Bureau for permission to interview DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY. This request was turned down by the Bureau because it was felt that S. POLSKY had not been completely eliminated as a possible suspect for the subject. This request is now being submitted since it is felt that the material concerning S. POLSKY contained in the referenced report of SA GALLAHER substantially eliminates him as a suspect for the subject. It is believed SAPOLSKY may have knowledge of JACOB GOLAS and his acquaintances.

As was pointed out in my letter of December 7, 1950 SAPOLSKY was indicated to have been a Communist Party member and may still be active in the Party. Neighborhood investigation, however, failed to indicate any unusual activity in this regard although he was generally believed, by persons interviewed, to be a Communist or Communist sympathizer.

LOG:MOH  
65-11778

RECORDED - 123

INDEXED - 123

65-57904-29

65 FEB 6 1952

Director, FBI (100-287685)

NOV 15 1951

Sao, New York

BORIS BYKOV, was.,  
ESPIONAGE - R

*One Charlie*

Rebulet, 10/1/51, wherein information supplied by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, reflecting the association of the subject, CHAMBERS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and GEORGE SILVERMAN during 1936 and 1937, is set out including information to the effect that CHAMBERS had purchased three Oriental rugs in New York City, which he sent to Silverman at Washington, D.C. One of these rugs being given to WHITE by SILVERMAN and information from ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY furnished in a signed statement, dated 11/8/45, reflecting that NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER had advised her a few years before 1941 that WHITE was giving information to the Russians for a brother-in-law of SILVERMAN'S, who used to come down to Washington to pick up this information.

BENTLEY recalled, according to this statment, that SILVERMAN'S brother-in-law was a Russian who she believed was from Newark, New Jersey.

The statement further indicated that the Russians used to give HARRY WHITE presents, including a Persian rug, and that somehow the connection between SILVERMAN'S brother-in-law and WHITE was broken up and not taken up again until later.

Upon reinterview by SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that considerable difficulty arose in the preparation of her first signed statement, dated 11/8/45, and that a number of inaccuracies crept into this statement. She said that she considers her later statement as superseding.

Miss BENTLEY advised that the paragraph referred to is inaccurate and said that SILVERMASTER had furnished her with information concerning WHITE to the effect that several years prior to 1941 WHITE had given information to the Russians through his own brother-in-law, who was described to her by SILVERMASTER as a dentist residing in Newark. She stated that

2cc: Baltimore (65-1696) (Enc. 1)

Newark (65-4939) (51)

1cc: Washington Field (100-16228)

RWM:EJR  
100-287685

ORIGINAL

65-57904

DEC 12 1951

Letter to Bureau

NY 100-287685

from what SILVERMASTER had told her WHITE'S brother-in-law used to go to Washington to pick up information from HARRY WHITE, and that then this brother-in-law would turn the information over to an unknown individual. She stated that she further learned that WHITE'S brother-in-law's principal turned "sour" and that WHITE then became inactive until he was later picked up by the SILVERMASTER group.

It was Miss BENTLEY's belief that the superior of WHITE'S brother-in-law may have been WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, although she held this belief only on information which she has obtained regarding CHAMBERS through newspaper publicity.

By letter dated 10/10/51, and captioned as above, the Washington Field Office suggested to the Bureau that the individual described by Miss BENTLEY in her statement of November, 1945, might be Dr. ABRAHAM WOLFSON, 55 Spruce Street, Newark, a dentist of many year's practice and former brother-in-law of HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

According to the letter, WOLFSON was married to RUTH TERRY, sister of ANNE TERRY WHITE, for some twenty-seven years before she instituted divorce proceedings in 1944. The letter indicated that the WOLFSONS had lived in East Orange, New Jersey for approximately twenty-one years.

According to the previously mentioned letter, WOLFSON is known to have been a member of the Communist Party since 1936, and to have been affiliated with many front organizations and an associate of Communist Party State officials in New Jersey.

According to CHAMBER'S testimony, HARRY DEXTER WHITE was involved in Soviet espionage as early as 1936 and 1937. The letter pointed out the possibility that the family association between WOLFSON and WHITE may have developed into an espionage relationship. The letter further indicated that with the exception of certain discrepancies in physical description, WOLFSON may be considered a logical suspect in the investigation of unknown subject CHARLIE of the Gregory case.

In view of the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY upon reinterview, as well as the information furnished by



Letter to Bureau  
NY 100-287685

Letter from Washington Field, it is possible that information furnished by HARRY DEXTER WHITE may have come into Russian hands as follows: WHITE to WOLFSON to CHAMBERS, or WHITE to WOLFSON to BYKOV.

In view of information furnished by BENTLEY in her recent interview, New York will not conduct investigation in an effort to identify the brother-in-law of GEORGE SILVERMAN UACB.

It is requested that the Newark Office furnish Baltimore and New York with photographs of Dr. ABRAHAM WOLFSON in order that appropriate interviews may be conducted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in this regard.

There is being enclosed for the Baltimore Office one copy of the report of SA MAURITZ E. GANLON, dated 2/14/46, at Newark, entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was... at all of which pages two to seventeen set out detailed information regarding WOLFSON'S activities."



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. FEA

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Jan 5 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 14, 20/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

*Declass*  
*23-78 JBT*

DECLASSIFIED BY **5886**

ON **2/25/78**

**DETAILS:** On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 1 - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-143938) 1 - WFO (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York (65-14778)	<b>65-57904 30</b>  <b>ASB</b>
	RECORDED <b>119</b>
	INDEXED <b>119</b>
	EX-83

NY 65-14778

she believed SOBELMAN held this position merely as a job and that she did not believe him to be sympathetic to the Soviet Regime. She stated that although she did not have frequent contact with SOBELMAN she did recall one incident which to her indicated his lack of sympathy for the Government of the Soviet Union. She stated that on one occasion she conducted a number of Soviet Seamen to Dr. SOBELMAN'S office for dental treatment. At that time SOBELMAN made a comment to her in English "Look at the specimens they send over here under their Regime, they're sick through and through". From the manner in which he made this remark Mrs. ROWE felt that he was not sympathetic with the Regime.

Dr. ROWE was also questioned concerning Dr. SOBELMAN. He stated that he was extremely doubtful that SOBELMAN was at all sympathetic with Communism or the Russian Government. It was his belief that SOBELMAN'S employment by the Russians stemmed principally from his efforts "to make a buck".

In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHARLIE", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Amtorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. HALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning

NY 65-14778

Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

- P E N D I N G -



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 10/4/51, New York.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

**FRA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 5 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 14, 20/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

**DETAILS:**

On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLAHAN. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1 - WFO (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York (65-14778)	DECLASSIFIED BY <b>5886</b>	ON <b>2/25/78</b>	

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

**CEJ**

**SLUJINT**

NY 65-14778

she believed SOBELMAN held this position merely as a job and that she did not believe him to be sympathetic to the Soviet Regime. She stated that although she did not have frequent contact with SOBELMAN she did recall one incident which to her indicated his lack of sympathy for the Government of the Soviet Union. She stated that on one occasion she conducted a number of Soviet Seamen to Dr. SOBELMAN'S office for dental treatment. At that time SOBELMAN made a comment to her in English "Look at the specimens they send over her under their Regime, they're sick through and through". From the manner in which he made this remark Mrs. ROWE felt that he was not sympathetic with the Regime.

Dr. ROWE was also questioned concerning Dr. SOBELMAN. He stated that he was extremely doubtful that SOBELMAN was at all sympathetic with Communism or the Russian Government. It was his belief that SOBELMAN'S employment by the Russians stemmed principally from his efforts "to make a buck".

In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHARLIE", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Antorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. HALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning

NY 65-14778

Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHAN, 10/1/51, New York



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **72A**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 5 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 14, 20/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLANER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

## DETAILS:

On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLANER. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1 - WFO (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York (65-14778)	DECLASSIFIED BY <b>5886</b>	ON <b>2/25/78</b>	

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64  
5010-108-01

NY 65-14778

she believed SOBELMAN held this position merely as a job and that she did not believe him to be sympathetic to the Soviet Regime. She stated that although she did not have frequent contact with SOBELMAN she did recall one incident which to her indicated his lack of sympathy for the Government of the Soviet Union. She stated that on one occasion she conducted a number of Soviet Seamen to Dr. SOBELMAN'S office for dental treatment. At that time SOBELMAN made a comment to her in English "Look at the specimens they send over her under their Regime, they're sick through and through". From the manner in which he made this remark Mrs. ROWE felt that he was not sympathetic with the Regime.

Dr. ROWE was also questioned concerning Dr. SOBELMAN. He stated that he was extremely doubtful that SOBELMAN was at all sympathetic with Communism or the Russian Government. It was his belief that SOBELMAN'S employment by the Russians stemmed principally from his efforts "to make a buck".

In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHAPLIN", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Amtorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. WALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning



NY 65-14778

Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

- P E N D I N G -

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~

NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, 10/4/51, New York



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **72A**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 5 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 14, 20/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa; "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

**DETAILS:**

On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLAHAN. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-3938) 1 - WFO (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York (65-14778)	DECLASSIFIED BY <b>5886</b>	ON <b>2/25/78</b>	

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

NY 65-14778

she believed SOBELMAN held this position merely as a job and that she did not believe him to be sympathetic to the Soviet Regime. She stated that although she did not have frequent contact with SOBELMAN she did recall one incident which to her indicated his lack of sympathy for the Government of the Soviet Union. She stated that on one occasion she conducted a number of Soviet Seamen to Dr. SOBELMAN'S office for dental treatment. At that time SOBELMAN made a comment to her in English "Look at the specimens they send over her under their Regime, they're sick through and through". From the manner in which he made this remark Mrs. ROWE felt that he was not sympathetic with the Regime.

Dr. ROWE was also questioned concerning Dr. SOBELMAN. He stated that he was extremely doubtful that SOBELMAN was at all sympathetic with Communism or the Russian Government. It was his belief that SOBELMAN'S employment by the Russians stemmed principally from his efforts "to make a buck".

In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHARLIE", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Antorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. WALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning

NY 65-14778

Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR RELEASE~~



NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER G. GALLAGHER, 10/4/51, New York



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

**FRA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 5 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 14, 20/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa; "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

**DETAILS:**

On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLAHAN. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (65-57904) 1 - Los Angeles (Info) 1 - San Francisco (Info) (65-3958) 1 - WFO (Info) (65-4969) 2 - New York (65-14778)	DECLASSIFIED BY <b>5886</b>
	ON <b>2/25/78</b>

NY 65-14778

she believed SOBELMAN held this position merely as a job and that she did not believe him to be sympathetic to the Soviet Regime. She stated that although she did not have frequent contact with SOBELMAN she did recall one incident which to her indicated his lack of sympathy for the Government of the Soviet Union. She stated that on one occasion she conducted a number of Soviet Seamen to Dr. SOBELMAN'S office for dental treatment. At that time SOBELMAN made a comment to her in English "Look at the specimens they send over her under their Regime, they're sick through and through". From the manner in which he made this remark Mrs. ROWE felt that he was not sympathetic with the Regime.

Dr. ROWE was also questioned concerning Dr. SOBELMAN. He stated that he was extremely doubtful that SOBELMAN was at all sympathetic with Communism or the Russian Government. It was his belief that SOBELMAN'S employment by the Russians stemmed principally from his efforts "to make a buck".

In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHARLIE", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Amtorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. HALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning

NY 65-14778

Dr. NATHAN ROSELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

- P E N D I N G -

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~



65-24778

ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 10/4/51, New York



SAC, New York

January 20, 1952

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"

(GREGORY CASE)

ESPIONAGE - R

(Bufile 65-57904; New York file 65-14778)

RECORDED - 97

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, wa

SECURITY MATTER - C

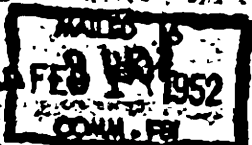
(Bufile 100-333709; New York file 100-67128)

Reurlet December 20, 1951, requesting authority to interview Dr. Louis Sapolsky. Reurlet dated January 6, 1952, requesting authority to interview Dr. Nathan Sobelman. Authority granted for both interviews which should be handled by two experienced agents.

In connection with Dr. Louis Sapolsky, a review of Bureau files reveals that he is the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation, New York origin, which was closed with the report of Special Agent Chester D. Connelly dated December 11, 1944, at New York. New York should report the results of its interview with Dr. Sapolsky in his individual case, as well as in the Unknown Subject, wa, "Charlie" case. New York should also include in its report on Sapolsky all information in its files which has been developed on him since the submission of Special Agent Connelly's report.

ASB:calibju

cc - 100-333709



100-333709-1

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: JAN 5 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa: "Charlie"  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER dated 1/5/52 at New York in which it is set forth the results of an interview with Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE. It will be noted that considerable portion of this interview concerned their knowledge of Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who has been considered as a possible suspect in this case, inasmuch as Dr. ROWE was rather closely associated with SOBELMAN during the period of their mutual employment by the Russians, it is believed that his appraisal of SOBELMAN would be rather accurate.

It is therefore requested that the Bureau grant permission to this office to interview SOBELMAN in an effort to determine whether or not he has any information which may be of value to this office concerning Russians who were connected with the official USSR establishment and whether or not he may have any knowledge that might be helpful in establishing the identity of the subject of instant case.

With regard to SOBELMAN it is noted through a review of the indices of this office there is no derogatory information concerning him beyond the fact of his employment by Amtorg.

LOG:FLA

INDEXED 119

RECORDED 119

65-57904-31

7 1952

EX-83

600  
50 FEB 6 1952

ASB

Memo to Belmont  
2-24-53  
Let's try  
1-26-50  
ASB/eah

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 24, 1952

FROM : W. A. Brantigan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa. "Charlie"  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

## PURPOSE

To grant New York authority to interview Dr. Louis Sapolsky and Dr. Nathan Sobelman for any information they may possess which will assist in the identification of subject "Charlie."

## BACKGROUND

Elizabeth Bentley has advised that Jacob Golos turned over espionage material to Gink Ovakinian prior to Ovakinian's arrest in 1941. Subsequent to the arrest, Golos began turning over espionage material to an individual known to Bentley only as "Charlie." She places the approximate time of the beginning of this association between Golos and "Charlie" as "July 1941." She alleged that Golos then contacted "Charlie" until approximately eight months before Golos' death on Thanksgiving Day 1943. Investigation is being conducted to identify "Charlie." Bentley also advised that "Charlie" was a dentist.

Re Louis Sapolsky

New York agents examined the personal effects of Jacob Golos on September 1, 2, 1948. Golos had in his effects a calling card bearing the following "Dr. Sapolsky, Surgeon-Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brighton Beach Station, Brooklyn, New York, Sheepshead 3595." Investigation has been conducted to determine whether Sapolsky might be identical with "Charlie." Sapolsky has now been eliminated as a suspect. As mentioned in the attached New York letter dated 12-20-51, Sapolsky is the subject of a Security Matter case which was closed in December, 1944. His Bureau file shows he was born in 1882 in Poland and naturalized December, 1926 in New York. An anonymous informant advised on March 5, 1944, that Dr. Sapolsky was a member of the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party. The informant further advised

Attachment

65-57904

65-57904

ASB:cal

RECORDED - 100

INDEXED - 100

EX-164

FEB. 5 1952

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-333709

that Sapolsky's wife, Millicent, was literary director of the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party. Sapolsky has never been on the Security Index. The SI card on his wife was cancelled in 1945. Attached New York letter of 12-20-51 points out that Sapolsky may be still active in the Party; that neighborhood investigation reveals no unusual activity although he was generally believed by persons interviewed to be a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. Bureau files show that the names "Louis Sapolsky" and "Millicent Sapolsky" appear on the membership lists for Lodge No. 615 of the IWO, New York Division, which were furnished to the New York Office, on November 13, 1950, and January 17, 1951, by an informant. IWO cited by the Attorney General as subversive and Communist. (100-333709; 61-7341-34-722, 755)

**Re Dr. Nathan Sobelman**

Dr. Nathan Sobelman was developed as a suspect when it was determined that he was a dentist frequently contacted by members of the Amtorg Trading Corporation and the Soviet Consulate in New York City for professional treatment during the period pertinent to the "Charlie" investigation. He has been eliminated as a suspect. Dr. J. M. Rowe, former medical consultant and representative, at Amtorg, New York City, during the pertinent period of the "Charlie" investigation has been interviewed. He has appeared cooperative. He and his wife believed Dr. Sobelman to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and stated that Sobelman held his position as dentist at Amtorg purely for financial gain. Attached New York letter of January 5, 1952, states that a review of the New York indices discloses no derogatory information concerning Sobelman other than his employment by Amtorg. Bureau files reveal no additional information on Sobelman.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Drs. Sapolsky and Sobelman be interviewed in an effort to determine whether or not they have any information that might be helpful in establishing the identity of "Charlie." If you agree, a letter to New York is attached authorizing the interviews.

OK  
H

9/11



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/21/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/4, 7, 17/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Amtorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Amtorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

*Reviewed*  
Classified by 5886 2/25/78  
Exempt from GDS, Category 1  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

DATE 2-13-78 BY [signature]

**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAS **WILLIAM D. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLAHER**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Amtorg. SPECTOR was a friend of SOBELMAN and when Amtorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, SOBELMAN, was given the job on SPECTOR'S recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Amtorg from about September or October, 1938 until

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

COPY IN FILE

65-57904-33

RECORDED - 11  
INDEXED - 117

- COPIES OF THIS REPORT
- 5 Bureau (65-57904)
  - 1 Los Angeles (Info.)
  - 1 San Francisco (Info.) (65-3938)
  - 1 Washington Field (Info.) (65-4969)
  - 2 New York (65-14778) *for*

MAR 22 1952

*[Handwritten initials and signatures]*

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

APR 14 1952

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14778

sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN'S office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.

~~CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR RELEASE~~

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR RELEASE~~



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will interview Doctor LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 2163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, concerning his knowledge of JACOB GOLOS and of other dentists who may have been associated with GOLOS.

\* Will, during the course of review of information furnished by NYT 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine, be alert for information which may pertain to instant Unknown Subject.

\* Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 1/5/52, New York.  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~INITIALS~~



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

78

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/21/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/4.7.17/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

CONFIDENTIAL

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Antorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Antorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

*Reviewed*  
Classified by **5886 2/5/78**  
Exempt from GDS, Category **1**  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAs **WILLIAM D. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLAGHER**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Antorg. **SPECTOR** was a friend of **SOBELMAN** and when Antorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, **SOBELMAN**, was given the job on **SPECTOR**'s recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Antorg from about September or October, 1938 until

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT				
Bureau (65-57904) 1 Los Angeles (Info.) 1 San Francisco (Info.) (65-3938) 1 Washington Field (Info.) (65-4969) 1 New York (65-14778)				

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14778

Sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN's office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.



~~CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION~~

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14778

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will interview Doctor LOUIS SAPCLSKY, 2163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, concerning his knowledge of JACOB GOLOS and of other dentists who may have been associated with GOLOS.

Will, during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine, be alert for information which may pertain to instant Unknown Subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, 1/5/52, New York.  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CONFIDENTIAL



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

34

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>3/21/52</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>3/4, 7, 17/52</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>LESTER O. GALLANER</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"</b> <b>(GREGORY CASE)</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Antorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Antorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

*Reviewed*

Classified by **5886 2/5/78**  
 Exempt from GDS, Category **1**  
 Date of Declassification Indefinite

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
 OTHERWISE.

**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAs **WILLIAM D. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLANER**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Antorg. **SPECTOR** was a friend of **SOBELMAN** and when Antorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, **SOBELMAN**, was given the job on **SPECTOR**'s recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Antorg from about September or October, 1938 until

<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b>  <b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 5 Bureau (65-57904) 1 Los Angeles (Info.) 2 San Francisco (Info.) (65-3938) 2 Washington Field (Info.) (65-4969) 2 New York (65-14770)	<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>  <b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b>
--	---

PROPERTY OF THE FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

NY 65-14778

Sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN'S office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14770

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

(b)(1)

[REDACTED]

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will interview Doctor LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 2163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, concerning his knowledge of JACOB SOLOS and of other dentists who may have been associated with SOLOS.

Will, during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine, be alert for information which may pertain to instant Unknown Subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, 1/5/52, New York,  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

CONFIDENTIAL



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

70

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/21/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/4, 7, 17/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAGHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

CONFIDENTIAL

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Antorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Antorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

*Reviewed*  
Classified by **5886 2/5/78**  
Exempt from GDS, Category **1**  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAs **WILLIAM B. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLAGHER**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Antorg. **SPECTOR** was a friend of **SOBELMAN** and when Antorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, **SOBELMAN**, was given the job on **SPECTOR**'s recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Antorg from about September or October, 1938 until

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT				
<b>5 Bureau (65-57904)</b> <b>1 Los Angeles (Info.)</b> <b>1 San Francisco (Info.) (65-3934)</b> <b>1 Washington Field (Info.) (65-4969)</b> <b>1 New York (65-14748)</b>				

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14778

sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN'S office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

NY 65-14778

Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

- P E N D I N G -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14770

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will interview Doctor LOUIS SAPCLSKY, 2163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, concerning his knowledge of JACOB SOLOS and of other dentists who may have been associated with SOLOS.

Will, during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine, be alert for information which may pertain to instant Unknown Subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, 1/5/52, New York.  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

CONFIDENTIAL



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

78

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/21/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/4, 7, 17/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. GALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Antorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Antorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

*Reviewed*  
Classified by **5886 2/5/78**  
Exempt from GDS, Category **1**  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAs **WILLIAM D. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLAHAN**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Antorg. **SPECTOR** was a friend of **SOBELMAN** and when Antorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, **SOBELMAN**, was given the job on **SPECTOR**'s recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Antorg from about September or October, 1938 until

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
5 Bureau (65-57904) 1 Los Angeles (Info.) 1 San Francisco (Info.) (65-3934) 1 Washington Field (Info.) (65-4969) 2 New York (65-14778)			

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

NY 65-14778

sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN'S office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.



CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

NY 65-14770

Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

P E N D I N G

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

JAN 1952-100  
CONFIDENTIAL

NY 65-14770

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will interview Doctor LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 2163 Caney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, concerning his knowledge of JACOB GOLOS and of other dentists who may have been associated with GOLOS.

• Will, during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine, be alert for information which may pertain to instant Unknown Subject.

• Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, 1/5/52, New York.  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

CONFIDENTIAL  
JAN 1952-100



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: March 21, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

1399

Reference is made to the following reports of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER made at New York: 12/7/50, 3/10/51 and 6/27/51, wherein there is set forth information concerning Doctor ISAAC STAMLER who appears to have been an associate of JACOB GOLOS.

Inasmuch as information developed as set forth in referenced report of 6/27/51 appears to eliminate STAMLER as a suspect for the subject in instant case, it is requested that Bureau permission be granted to interview STAMLER. Inasmuch as STAMLER'S office at 2808 Bronx Park East is located in a cooperative housing development which is rather heavily populated with Communist Party members and sympathizers, such an interview would be conducted at his residence rather than at his office.

EX - 28

RECORDED - 117

INDEXED - 117

165-57904-34  
MAR 22 1952

17

LOG:PC  
Lit Sac NY  
4/26/52  
S. J. K.

SERVICE UNIT  
SEARCH SLIP

4-22a

Supervisor Brent Room 1645

Subj: Isaac Stambler

☒ Exact Spelling      Searchers  
☒ All References      Initial fe  
☒ Subversive Ref.      Date 4-4  
☒ Main File  
☒ Restricted to Locality of

FILE NUMBER

SERIALS

61-7559-10595, 253

5-57904-21, 23, 34, 32, 19, 25

100-383911-4, 3 W

61-7341-34-949 W

100-52939-4 W just mind

no Isaac

65-59904-25 Garfield

no Bildupa

I

5-57904-21 Allyle

65-1674-452

100-3-71-807, Encl p 7

Initialed

SERVICE UNIT  
SEARCH SLIP

4-22a

Supervisor Brent Room 1645

Subj: I. Stambler

☒ Exact Spelling      Searchers  
☒ All References      Initial fe  
☒ Subversive Ref.      Date 4-4  
☒ Main File  
☒ Restricted to Locality of

FILE NUMBER

SERIALS

100-206828-1 "ISMS" W

100-344520-22 151001-E-LFNA

100-364703-1 W

100-155437-61 W

One not taken

Initialed

SAC, New York (65-14778)

April 26, 1952

RECORDED - 131  
Director, FBI (65-57904) - 34

48887

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Bureau 3-21-52, requesting authority to interview Dr. Isaac Stanler who, it is stated, appears to have been an associate of Jacob Golos.

A review of Bureau files has been made concerning Stanler and available information is being set out below. It is to be noted, however, that this information cannot be identified positively in each instance with the Dr. Stanler of interest.

A pamphlet of The Workers School announcing the courses of the winter term for 1934, namely from January 7 to March 30, 1935, sets forth that on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., a course entitled Marxism-Leninism I, would be conducted by I. Stanler in Room 304 at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. This course was described as having for its purpose the study of the correct understanding of Scientific Socialism in the light of its historical development. The course was said to embrace the study of the basic economic, political, and philosophic doctrines of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin and their application to the analysis and interpretation of the Proletarian class struggle, of the contradictions of capitalism, of the class forces leading to the Proletarian Revolution, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and the classless society. This pamphlet was made available by Mr. E. S. Tapprich of the Civil Service Commission, according to the report of Special Agent Clyde D. Nicoll, Washington, D.C., dated January 14, 1949, entitled "Esther Kopelewich, nee Less, etc., Special Inquiry - State Department (VOA)." (100-3-71-807)

The publication "Iams" compiled by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion reproduces a portion of the pamphlet announcing the 1937 winter term of courses for the Communist Workers School from which it appears that I. Stanler was to conduct a course in Historical Materialism on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

The report of Special Agent John G. Keenan dated 1-10-44, at New York City, entitled "New York Workers School, Internal Security - C," reflects that, according to the announcements of the school, I. Stanler conducted a course entitled Historical Materialism in 1938, and in 1940 conducted a course on The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. (100-206828-1)

EJV:ene

(100-15419)  
Serial 61

COMM - FBI  
105  
APR 28 1952  
MAILED 30

MAY 5 1952

2833

WIB  
512



18377

A document entitled "List of Registered Communists in and about New York - 1937," received at the Bureau in September, 1940, from an unknown outside source contained the name of Isaac Stanler, 651 East 181st Street, Bronx, New York, Assembly District No. 7. (61-7559-10595)

The report of Special Agent R. E. Hodgins, New York, dated April 8, 1941, entitled "Rephael Nathaniel Rush, was., et al, Registration Act, reflects on pages 39-42 that Dr. I. Stanler, 851 East 181st Street, who was described as a dentist was given as an employment reference in June, 1937, by Florence Mindell, 2133 Daly Avenue, Bronx, New York, who appears to be the daughter of Jacob Mindell. It also appears that Stanler was given as a reference by Phillip Liskin, husband of Florence Mindell, in his employment application dated December 12, 1938. The applications of Florence Mindell and Liskin concern their employment by the Morris Department Store to handle Russian exports, which employment was made on the recommendation of Harold Straus of Artorg Trading Corporation. (65-1674, Serial 457)

The report of Special Agent John J. Buckley (A), St. Louis, Missouri, 9-26-49, entitled "Hyman Halpern, was., Security Matter - G," reflects that Dr. I. Stanler, 2754 Bronx Park East, New York City, was one of several persons who submitted statements attesting to Halpern's character in connection with efforts to obtain clemency for Halpern who had received a sentence of general court martial for desertion from September 1, 1942, to January 3, 1946. (100-364703-1)

A photostatic copy of the IWO General Office membership list for Index No. 337 located in the Bronx was made available by Confidential Source [redacted] on October 3, 1951, lists Isaac Stanler born in 1884, as a member. (61-7341-34-949)

The report of Special Agent Maurice F. Donagan, Jr., dated 12-13-51, at Washington, D.C., entitled "Nina Stanler, was., Security Matter - G," reflects that Isaac Stanler is the father of the subject of that investigation. It appears that Nina Stanler, reported to be a Communist Party member in 1944, was employed as the switchboard operator at the National Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, at least during the period from January to April, 1951, and that she is currently employed by the Communist Party Defense Attorney's Office, 150 Nassau Street, New York City. (100-383911-3)

In view of the foregoing information, together with that reported in this investigation, which includes information from the superintendent at Stanler's current address that he had observed Communist Party publications in the trash from Stanler's apartment where meetings had been held which he believed were Communist in nature, authority to interview Stanler, whose daughter is the subject of a current investigation